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ALBANY ARCHITECT David Arkin of Arkin Tilt Architects, left, Joe Lambert, project manager, and Chuck Keene, builder, work on a building on Solano Avenue in Albany. Arkin holds a solar panel. Next to the group is Arkin's 1970 electric Volkswagen Bug.

Architect builds green vision

The man who designed Albany's first sustainable office building advocates use of solar energy and recycling waste.

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Architect David Arkin drives a brick red 1970 Volkswagen bug that he's modified into an electric vehicle with batteries.

A power cord used to charge batteries can be seen where a gas nozzle used to pump unleaded. His license plate says it "ELCTRIC BG."

But Arkin extends his environmentalism into his professional life as well. A local and national leader in sustainable building, he designed the city's first sustainable office building on the right days, will see electricity and heating and cooling powered entirely by the

Arkin's Berkeley firm Arkin Architects, which he runs with his wife Anni Tilt, is dedicated to green practices and has won 20 design awards.

"Buildings," said Arkin, "should be able to cool and heat themselves and generate their own electricity."

But Arkin first looks for other ways to make a building "green" and sustainable. That includes using recycled and salvaged building materials as well as figuring out how best to use natural light.

"A building by the way it's designed can be energy-efficient," said Arkin. "Then you can harvest solar power and use that to generate electricity. But the first step is efficiency."

Arkin said he gained his appreciation for the environment



THE OWNER OF THIS Arkin-designed building describes the space as "both beautiful and soothing."

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Castro library gets help from many corners

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Although the Castro Elementary School basement still smells faintly of smoke after last week's fire, the school's fund raising for a new library reeks of success.

Donors have chipped in a couple of thousand dollars. Books have arrived from Hawaii, said Ruby Estebez, school secretary and PTA treasurer.

A nice woman from Iowa — a fan of the school's homespun cookbook — mailed in money to help out, too.

"It's strange how a tragedy like this pulls people together," said Tony Campbell, Castro PTA

HOW TO HELP

Donations can be given to the Castro Library Fund at any Mechanics Bank branch or sent to Mechanics Bank, 9996 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

president.

A suspicious early morning fire April 23 destroyed about 7,000 volumes and melted several computers and a printer at the El Cerrito school.

After the news hit, schools in the West Contra Costa school district and the East Bay declared

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El Cerrito increases police officers' pay

■ The new contract is intended to keep salaries competitive following several departures in the last several months

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The city has approved a new contract with its police officers union that will cost an additional \$555,900 annually after January 2007.

The new contract increases pay for association members by 3 percent retroactively to January 2005, according to a city re-

port written by employee services manager Sandi Chapek and City Manager Scott Hanin.

Then it will increase by 3 percent in January, 2006; 2 percent in July, 2006; and 2 percent in January, 2007.

The contract also tweaks the city's contribution to the union's medical benefits. The city will continue to pay premiums for the Kaiser Medical Plan, but not for the more expensive Health Net plan.

That will likely save the city money down the road when the cost of the Health Net premiums

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Prepping for parade

EL CERRITO HIGH School's long weekend of celebration is coming up May 13-15, and these volunteers at the high school's intensive archiving project were throwing themselves into preparation, making signs for the May 14 parade. The high school, built in 1941, will begin to be torn down this month — but not before a three-day farewell from students, teachers, alumni and the community at large. On May 13 there will be a homecoming mixer from 8-11 p.m. On May 14, a parade begins at 12:30 p.m., opening ceremonies begin at 1:15 p.m. followed by a Fiesta on the Field (and Alumni Plaza) until 6 p.m. From 7:30-11 p.m. that Saturday there's a reunion dance. On May 15 there will be a Goodbye, Old School ceremony, final tours and more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more on the high school, including interviews with alumni and teachers, and more on the archiving project, visit ElCerritoJournal.com.

Marijuana dispensary moratorium approved

Albany is also proceeding with a study on closing four streets leading to El Cerrito Plaza

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A 45-day moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries will be extended to give the city time to craft regulations to govern them, said city attorney Robert Zweben.

The Albany City Council on Monday unanimously approved the moratorium.

Mayor Robert Good strongly opposed seeing dispensaries opening in the city but voted in favor of the ordinance.

"I think it's going to bring the underworld element to Albany," said Good. "Let them buy their pot in Berkeley."

City Councilman Robert Lieber, a nurse, said marijuana provides comfort to some dying patients. But he stopped short of endorsing a dispensary for Albany.

The moratorium and new regulations, he said, would protect the city from lawsuits.

Several residents have inquired about opening such a facility in Albany, said planning manager Dave Dowswell.

In other business, the city will take another step in possibly closing off four streets that lead into El Cerrito Plaza.

It will hire traffic consultant Kimley-Horn Associates to study traffic circulation in the area at a cost of up to \$26,000.

Abutting the northern border

of Albany, the southern end of the shopping center has seen a 19 percent increase in traffic since 2003, according to a city report written by community development director Ann Chaney and transportation planner Cherry Chaicharn. They attribute the increase in part to the opening of Trader Joe's and Copeland Sports.

In January, the council agreed to look into closing Kains, Cornell, Talbot and Evelyn avenues

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Albany

City looks at removing waterfront camps

The city will consider again enforcing its no-camping laws on the Albany Bulb, about five years after it carried out a mass eviction there.

The former dumping ground is now home to three campsites. Within a month the city will notify people of the no-camping laws, with hopes that the campers will leave on their own.

"Force is the last thing we want to do but that's also an approach," said community development director Ann Chaney. "The first approach and hopefully the only approach is to assist people in relocating and removing overnight campers willingly."

Though it's unclear how many people are camping on the bulb, it's far fewer than the 50 that were evicted about five years ago, said City Administrator Beth Pollard.

Located along the Albany waterfront, the bulb is a former dumping ground for building materials.

Library book sale benefit is May 15

The Friends of the Albany Library annual book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 14 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 15. All genres of books and magazines as well as records, CDs and books on tape will be offered. There will also be Friends of the Library T-shirts for sale. Proceeds will go toward holding library events.

For more information, call 510-526-3720.

Garage sale Saturday will benefit preschool

The families of Albany Preschool will be host a benefit garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 836 Pomona Ave. (off Solano Avenue).

Inaugural Festival of the Arts set

Local music groups including Potingue, Funky Nixons and Rhythm Bound will perform at A Festival of the Arts, to be held from noon to 8 p.m. May 22 in Memorial Park. Theater, dance and poetry will be represented during this free event and visual artists will display their work. The film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be screened in the park, from 8:30-10:30 p.m.

For information please call Chelle Putzer at 510-559-7218.

City plans fourth annual spring festival

The Albany Chamber of Commerce invites community groups, musicians and artists to participate in its spring festival, "A Taste of Albany — A Small-Town Walkabout."

The festival is scheduled for 1-7 p.m. June 5 on Solano and San Pablo avenues.

Nonprofit and other community groups can set up booths and/or sponsor activities — including fund-raisers — at the festival at no cost, and, if they choose, to sell tickets to the taste portion of the event, which involves samples from Albany restaurants and promotions by other merchants. Participating organizations will be entitled to 20 percent of all tickets they sell.

For more information call 510-525-1771, or visit www.albany-chamber.org.

Tee off and support AHS sports

Albany High School Baseball Boosters are sponsoring the third annual Cougar Golf Classic, a benefit for the Albany High School baseball program on Sunday, June 5 at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course. Play begins at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start.

The cost to players is \$100 (\$90 for players over 65), and includes green fees, cart, and lunch. For more information, e-mail Golf4AHSBaseball@aol.com.

Crisis Support holding day at the races

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County (formerly Suicide Prevention) will hold a day at the races from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 15 at Golden Gate Fields in Albany.

The day begins with lunch at the Trackside Court (near the winner's circle) and includes reserved seats to watch the races.

Tickets are \$50 and include the catered luncheon, valet parking, admission, and reserved seating.

For more information call 510-420-2472 or e-mail जारroll@crisisupport.org

El Cerrito

BART bike lockers to be dedicated

The grand opening of the El Cerrito Plaza BART station electronic bike lockers will be held Thursday, May 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. as part of Bike to Work Day. Free BikeLink bike locker cards and other bicycling goodies will be given away. In addition, from 7 to 9 a.m., the Sierra Club will give away refreshments at the BART station to commuters. For more information, call 510-215-4339.

Ceremonies to mark new Arlington play area

The city will hold a grand opening and dedication of the new Arlington Park playground on Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to noon. A free puppet show will be held at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 510-559-7000.

Public works open house is May 18

The city's annual public works open house will be held Wednesday, May 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the corporation yard, 7450 Schmidt Lane. On hand to answer questions will be several organizations, including the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, the El Cerrito Fire Department and Stege Sanitary District. The city will conduct equipment demonstrations, give away prizes and provide refreshments. For more information, call 510-215-4382.

Taste of El Cerrito set for May 22

A Taste of El Cerrito will be held Sunday, May 22 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the community center, 7007 Mooser Lane. The event will include food and drink from 15 El Cerrito restaurants and stores, as well as prizes, live music and silent auction. Items for auction will include a 2005 Honda Civic, a \$550 wool rug from Abbey Carpet, a \$500 paint job from Miracle Auto Painting and a \$450 framed print from The Glenn. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information, call 510-233-7040.

Kensington

Break bread with county supervisor

The next breakfast with Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. May 20 at Shai's Catering Cafe, 269 Arlington Ave. Gioia is inviting residents to discuss county issues or ask questions. Residents are not required to buy breakfast. For more information, call 510-374-3231.

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, April 25

■ **PETTY THEFT** — Officers responded to the Target store in the 1000 block of Eastshore on reports that security had an employee in custody. Officers arrested a 54-year-old Richmond woman for petty theft and for repeated petty theft offenses. She was cited and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **ASSAULT REPORT** — At about 6 p.m. a woman reported she had been assaulted by her boyfriend while at Albany Bowl a few minutes prior and that he had left on foot. About two hours later she came to the Albany Police Dept to report he had gone to her home and stolen her dog. Police took the report.

■ **BICYCLE VIOLATIONS** — At about 10 p.m. officers responded to the 800 block of Curtis Street on reports of a noisy group on a front porch who were talking loudly and swearing. One of the group, a 21-year-old Albany man, was found to have an outstanding warrant for bicycle violations and failure to appear in the amount of \$348. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

Tuesday, April 26

■ **TRUCK STOLEN** — A resident in the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue reported his ex-girlfriend might have taken his gray 1999 GMC Yukon truck during the night because he found her white Toyota 4-Runner parked and blocking his driveway. He has a restraining order against the woman. Officers took the report.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — A woman called to report that a man was on the ground in the 900 block of Kains Avenue and appeared un-

able to move. The 32-year-old Albany man was found to be on probation for disorderly conduct. He was unable to care for himself and was taken to Alta Bates Hospital.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A woman in the 700 block of Johnson Street reported that someone had stolen her red 1991 Honda Civic between 1 and 2 p.m. A neighbor reported seeing a in a gray Honda parked behind the car about the same time it was taken.

Wednesday, April 27

■ **THREE ARRESTED** — At about 11 p.m. officers responded to the Club Mallard in the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a fight between two men but they were gone when officers arrived. About three hours later they were again called to the same bar because four men were fighting. They fled on foot heading west on Washington Avenue. Officers apprehended and arrested two Albany men, ages 22 and 23, and a 25-year-old Richmond man for felonious assault. All three were taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **TREE DAMAGED** — A man wearing a beige jacket and carrying a blue bag was observed breaking a newly planted tree near Washington and Kains avenues.

Friday, April 29

■ **BREAK-IN** — During the day someone broke into a locked storage locker and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

Saturday, April 30

■ **ACURA RECOVERED** — At about 4 a.m. officers located a blue 1988

Acura in the parking lot at Golden Gate Fields in the 1100 block of Eastshore that had been stolen in San Francisco. The owner was notified.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night a gold Toyota Camry in the 800 block of Kains Avenue was burgled.

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident in the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that someone had put graffiti on the side of his home.

■ **PAROLE VIOLATIONS** — Officers stopped a person walking in the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue with a portable table saw. They arrested the 27-year-old San Pablo man for parole violations.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident in the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that someone had broken the passenger side window of his black 1995 Acura Legend and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — A 35-year-old Rodeo man came to the police station to pick up property from his cousin who was in custody. A check found that the man had two outstanding traffic warrants for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, posted bail and was released.

Sunday, May 1

■ **ROWDY GROUP** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to the landfill at the end of Buchanan Street on reports of lots cars and people being rowdy. Officers did not find a problem and left. At 3 a.m. they received a call from East Bay Regional Park officers requesting assistance in dispersing a group of about 30 uncooperative people.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to the 1100 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a group of people gathered around a

black Suburban-type vehicle emitting very noisy. Officers observed vehicle departing, with a passenger hanging out the window, and the driver and passenger were arrested. The driver and passenger, both 22-year-old Richmond men. The driver was found to have a illegal weapon on him and the passenger appeared to be intoxicated. A check of the vehicle found a large quantity of methamphetamine. The driver was arrested for DUI, reckless driving, weapon possession, charges and possession of drugs for sale. The passenger was arrested for disorderly conduct, possession of drugs for sale, and three additional drugs charges. Both were taken to Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, May 2

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a silver 1996 Honda Accord parked at 1000 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

Weekly summary

During the week of April 25 officers towed five vehicles, responded to false alarms, attended to four injured animals, assisted one person locked out of their car and responded to one report of a barking dog. Domestic arena officers responded to one domestic dispute, 24 civil bances and 167 civil arrests. Officers stopped 65 vehicles or persons involving 26 citations and 39 warrants. Firefighter/paramedics responded to six medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday, April 25

■ **MINIVAN STOLEN** — A 1993 Plymouth Voyager was taken from the 5700 block of Fern Street between 7 a.m. on April 25 and 6:30 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, April 26

■ **ROVER THEFT** — A 2003 Land Rover was taken from the 900 block of Avis Drive between 8:30 p.m. on April 26 and 6 a.m. the next day.

■ **DRUGS, AMMUNITION** — A 39-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested on suspicion of possessing two grams of methamphetamine following a traffic stop in the 2200 block of Humboldt Avenue. Police also found the man carrying gun ammunition.

Wednesday, April 27

■ **TOYOTA BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a Toyota Echo in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard between 10 p.m. on April 27 and 8:50 a.m. the next day.

■ **BANK ROBBERY** — A man with a note demanding money robbed Washington Mutual Bank in the 9000 block of San Pablo Avenue at 4:30 p.m.

■ **SAFE TAKEN** — A safe was taken

from a home in the 700 block of Richmond Street between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 1991 Honda station wagon in the 900 block of Pomona Avenue shortly after midnight. The vehicle was reported stolen in Richmond.

■ **ACCORD STOLEN** — A 1991 Honda Accord was taken from the 600 block of Everett Street shortly before 4 p.m.

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A 1986 Toyota Camry was taken from the 800 block of South 55th Street.

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a car in the 900 block of Galvin Drive between 11 p.m. on April 28 and noon on April 30.

■ **CAR THEFT, DRUGS** — A 28-year-old Richmond man was arrested at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard on suspicion of stealing a car from the 7300 block of Manila Avenue. The man also had a small amount of methamphetamine, police said.

Friday, April 29

■ **SEXUAL BATTERY** — A 42-year-

old transient was arrested at Walgreen's at 7:35 p.m. on suspicion of committing sexual battery. The man had grabbed a woman's buttocks, police said.

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a car inside an unlocked garage on Wildwood Place. The burglary occurred between 8 p.m. on April 29 and noon the next day.

Saturday, April 30

■ **COMPUTERS TAKEN** — A window was smashed and computer equipment was taken from a business in the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue between 1:30 p.m. on April 30 and 9 a.m. the next day.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At 6:20 a.m., police arrested a 52-year-old El Cerrito woman on suspicion of possessing a bag of methamphetamine at Belmont Avenue and San Diego Street.

Sunday, May 1

■ **CAR BURGLARY** — CDs and clothing were taken from a car in the 8000 block of Terrace Drive between 4:30 and 5:15 p.m.

■ **ACCORD STOLEN** — A 1991 Honda Accord was taken from the 2600 block of Mira Vista Drive between 3 p.m. on May 1 and 10 p.m. the next day.

■ **CAR THEFT ARREST** — Four vehicles were arrested at 4 a.m. at Cutting Boulevard and South 55th Street on suspicion of possession of stolen 1991 Nissan Sentra. The vehicle and its occupants hailed from Fairfield, police said.

Monday, May 2

■ **INTRUDER ARRESTED** — Police arrested a 57-year-old San Pablo man who forced his way into a home on the 400 block of Norvell Street at 10:40 p.m.

■ **INTRUDER RUNS AWAY** — A man who entered a home on the 2800 block of Monte Vista Drive ran after he was confronted by a resident at 1 p.m.

■ **VAN TAKEN** — A 1986 Toyota was taken from the 1400 block of Norvell Street between 2 and 11 p.m.

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A somber anniversary for Berkeley resident

TODAY IS A blessed day for Dora Sorell, 83, of Berkeley. It's the 60th anniversary of the day she was liberated from the Nazi death camps. One year earlier, she and her family had been rounded up and packed into cattle cars on a train headed into Poland. There were no seats, no light, no food, no water, no ventilation, no toilet — just a bucket.

Children cried, old people wept and died. At some stage the doors would be unlocked, the bucket emptied, and the guards would ask for the "bodies." They threw them on the platform like sacks of potatoes," she recalls.

This went on for three days, when they arrived at hell. "We were pushed out of the train," she says. "It was pitch black. Blows were falling on us, we were barking, shots were fired. The chimneys were spewing flames and soot and smoke, the air was filled with a strange smell of burned flesh. Then the loud speaker said women should leave the families and form another column on the platform. When Mother heard she fainted in my arms. Father and my two brothers disappeared in the crowd, and I never saw them again.

Mother was still crying. I was comforting her, telling her we would continue to be together and help each other. We were the crowd of women and children all being pushed

as we got closer, I saw an SS officer facing the crowd, pointing with his fingers who to go to the right and who to the left. "I tried out, 'Mother, they are sending us!' Mother started crying. 'Do not leave me!' I cried her, but as I got closer I realized that only young girls were sent to the right. All the others — mothers, children, elderly — were sent to the left. She was pushed to the left and I was dragged to the right. She was screaming, and as I looked back, I saw an image that haunts me forever: a desperate mother crying and extending her hands toward her daughter, while statue of pain and suffering.

This was on May 17, the best day of my life, when all family and thousands others were sent to the left — were taken to the gas chamber." Dora was stripped, her head shaved, and her left arm tattooed (4A-7003, which she carries to this day). "We were starving, ex-



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

hausted, teeming with lice, beaten for any infraction or none, and under constant fear of selection, which happened often. In winter we were cold, and I had frostbite and skin infections. But I never dared to claim sickness out of fear that the only way out of the infirmary was the gas chamber."

Shortly before the war ended she was moved to a slave labor factory in Germany, where she was liberated a few weeks later.

When she got back to her home in Romania, Sorell found almost her entire family had been wiped out. But one person was still alive — her high school sweetheart, Zoltan.

They married a few weeks later. They'll celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this summer, surrounded by their three children and seven grandchildren.

Last year, her youngest grandson, 3-year-old Joshua, proudly showed Grandma his reading skills by reading the number on her arm.

"When he's older, I'll explain what it means," she says.

She feels a responsibility to bear witness, to honor the memory of the 6 million Jews who died in Nazi concentration camps. But she's also doing it for us — to remind us, in the words of her favorite philosopher, Edmund Burke: "All that is required for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Last year, she received a \$3,043 reparations check from the German government. She donated it to victims of ethnic cleansing in Sudan.

To find out more about Dora Sorell, visit her web site, www.letterstomygrandchildren.com, or read her autobiography, "Tell the Children - Letters to Miriam," published by Sighet Publishing of Berkeley.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

OF THE WEEK



KONA is an Australian shepherd-Catahoula mix, 1 or 2 years old. He loves everyone he meets, say the people at the Humane Society, where he may be available for adoption. Kona was brought to the Bay Area all the way from the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. He has some special requirements for adoption, they add, and will need to be placed in a "foster-to-adopt" situation. Call the Humane Society for more details.

BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Dogs: Male Labrador retriever, 3 years; female hound mix, 3 years; female Labrador retriever, 2 years; German shepherd/golden retriever mix, 1 year; male dachshund/Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; female terrier mix, 2 years; female terrier mix, 2 years; female pit bull mix, 10 months. Cats: Female domestic short-haired black and white, 8 years; female domestic short-haired tortoiseshell, 8 years; female black and white, long hair, 8 years; female dilute calico, long-haired, 6 years; female Maine coon mix, black and white, 5 years; female domestic short-haired dilute calico, 5 years; female white, longhair, 5 years; female domestic short-haired tortoiseshell, 4 years; female Scottish fold mix, tortoiseshell, 3 years; female Havana Brown mix,

brown, 3 years; male domestic shorthair black and white, 3 years; male ragdoll mix chocolate point, 3 years; male white, long-haired, 3 years male domestic shorthair brown tabby, 2 years; female domestic shorthair dilute calico, 1 year.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Details: www.berkeleyhumane.org or 510-845-7735.

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Composer draws on childhood for inspiration

COMPOSER Gabriela Lena Frank, the newest and youngest addition to publisher G. Schirmer's prestigious roster of artists, attributes her talent and compositions, at least in part, to her ethnic heritage. She's Peruvian (with a Chinese great-grandparent) and Jewish.

Father Michael Frank, from the Bronx, met mother Sabrina when he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru. They married and moved to Berkeley, where he did post-graduate work, and became part of Cal's Mark Twain project. And that's where children Marcos and Gabriela were born, Gabriela in 1972.

"There was always music in our home, and usually it was Peruvian folk music," she said. She also remembers sitting with grandmother Lena Frank at the piano, where they would create new melodies as they played together.

Frank soon showed talent as a composer. She has produced an impressive portfolio of music, much of it incorporating South American mythology, art, poetry and folk melodies into Western classical forms.

Her compositions have been hailed as works of "honesty and genius" (Springfield Union-News) and "self-conscious craft and mastery" (Washington Post).

Born with a moderate-to-profound neurosensory hearing loss, Frank learned early to "hear" music as she sat beneath the piano and felt the vibrations as it was played. She said it is a wonderful way of hearing music and she still sometimes takes out her hearing aids and listens to the vibrations as she composes and/or practices at the pi-



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

ano. At a very young age she taught herself to lip-read, and she soon began wearing hearing aids. Amazingly, she was also born with perfect pitch.

Frank began playing music professionally while still in graduate school at the University of Michigan. Just a few weeks ago she performed at the Lincoln Center in New York.

She has recorded the complete solo piano and violin/piano compositions of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Leslie Bassett, and collaborated with Peruvian ethnomusicologist Raul Romero in recording the piano music of indigenous composers of coastal and Andean Peru. In the near future she will premiere several works written specifically for her by Evan Chambers, Richard Lavenda and Andrew Meade.

Asked about her first composition, Frank tells of being a student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where, at 16, she wrote a string quartet in four movements that was just four minutes long. It was played by fellow students.

"Hearing it played made me realize that music would be my life," she says. And it has been, as she has composed everything from concerti, symphonies and tone poems to short pieces for singers and dancers. She is now doing research for an opera she

plans to write.

Finishing her postgraduate work at Michigan, Frank was warned that the only way she would be heard would be if she moved to New York. However, she returned to the Bay Area, settling in Albany. Here she discovered and was discovered by the many fine musical organizations around her.

Frank has written or is writing music for small, local groups as well as the famed Kronos Quartet and the Brentano String Quartet. She has written a concerto for the cello-piano duo of David Finckel and Wu Han and guitarist Sharon Isbin, among others.

Her song cycle, "Songs of Cifar and the Sweet Sea" was performed at Carnegie Hall in 2004. Other works have earned raves, including "Three Latin American Dances" premiered by the Utah Symphony Orchestra. The Utah

Orchestra recently released a CD of Rachmaninoff's "Symphonic Dances," Bernstein's "Dances from Westside Story" and Gabriela Frank's "Three Latin American Dances." She speaks of her parents' joy seeing a CD featuring "Rachmaninoff, Bernstein and Frank."

It also is now part of the repertoire of several major orchestras, including the San Francisco Symphony.

She will be in Brazil this spring, when her flute concerto will be played by the Orquesta Sinfonica da Bahia, and serves or has served as composer-in-residence with various organizations.

"I am blessed," she says.

Tips on people who are doing interesting things in Albany, El Cerrito or Kensington? Let Clara-Rae Genser know at 510-525-4585 or crgenser@aol.com.

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FACES & PLACES

Retrospective exhibit to honor Ed Hill

The Figurative Gallery in Old Town La Quinta was working with painter Ed Hill on a one-man show scheduled to open this May when the beloved retired Albany High School art teacher died April 20.

The show has gone on, though, and the Figurative is presenting "Edmund Hill — A Retrospective Exhibition" will through May.

A special reception will be held 5-8 p.m. Saturday. A portion of the proceeds from the opening reception will be donated to the La Quinta Arts Foundation. The exhibition will be on display through May and features paintings that Ed created while residing in Northern California and the Coachella Valley.

For details visit www.thefigurative.com

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The saxes will play for baseball next weekend as the Albany High School Cougar baseball program hosts a benefit concert with the Berkeley Saxophone Quartet. The concert is at 4 p.m. May 15 at Ocean View Elementary School, 1000 Jackson St. in Albany.

The program features music by Bach, Barber, Miller, Mingus, Mozart and others. Tickets are \$10 adult and \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under and are available at the door or through AHS team players.

For more information visit www.berkeleysaxophonequartet.com

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Legislators fail schools

ONE WOULD BE FORGIVEN for believing that our officials in Sacramento are not truly concerned about improving education or about making sure no child is left behind. It's certainly easy to believe when opportunities to work on the system are met with rejections based on party affiliations.

Only the naive are shocked by this as it happens in far too many political matters, but the frustrations build as the struggle to repair, improve and enhance our education system is met with politics.

It happened again last week when the Senate Education Committee killed legislation that would have allowed public colleges and universities to sponsor and oversee charter schools.

The proposal would have improved public education and the charter school process by giving colleges and universities a more direct way to get involved in public schools.

Higher education involvement in schools can do exactly what charter schools strive for — intensify the learning environment and focus on subjects, students and their needs. Such partnerships also generally improve community-college relations, strengthen the link between teacher education programs and K-12 schools and students, and bolsters the bridge between K-12 and higher education.

Other states have found that having universities and colleges, or other entities, as charter school authorizers also increases oversight and accountability of not only that school, but all charter schools in the area.

Our legislators were not only willing to ignore anecdotal evidence and bill supporters, but also a study from the U.S. Department of Education and a report from its own Legislative Analyst's Office, both of which endorse the bill's goals.

CEO of the California Charter Schools Association Caprice Young looked at the legislation as an opportunity for "colleges and universities to unleash their talents into our public schools." And the colleges and universities certainly are willing; many are already active in schools.

Legislators failed to want to improve the educational results from urban schools, for minorities and for those economically less advantaged, but legislation like this is voted down for what appears to be power issues.

Our Democratic-dominated Legislature chooses to vote against anything supported by our Republican governor, written by its Republican members and — perhaps even more significantly — opposed by Democratic core contributors, such as the California Teachers Association and the California Federation of Teachers. Also opposing the Senate Bill 844 were those who should be concerned about the firm oversight this bill would have meant for charter schools, putting more responsibility — too much they believed — on authorizers for both academic and financial accountability.

After the bill failed, Young said, "It is clear that our school district-only model of oversight is preventing charter schools from reaching their full potential." We understand that point of view. The good news is the charter school community has not given up although this was the third rejection of bills regarding universities as authorizers.

More bills will come before the Legislature with the purpose of improving and overseeing charter schools. We would like to see our representatives give them a close and sincere look, thinking more about our education system, our children and not their party or their personal political futures.

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MOTHERS DAY IS MAY 8TH

WE ALL MADE CERAMIC HAND PRINTS BUT MICHAEL WANTED TO DO HIS FACE INSTEAD. HE GOT STUCK.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big-league politics now in Albany

Heard about the new mega-mall planned for the Albany waterfront?

Get ready for the slick PR job from Magna Entertainment (owners of Golden Gate Fields). Remember back to Magna's attempt to build a trackside casino by putting it on the statewide ballot, seeking to override city zoning controls?

Now they have brought in Rick Caruso, a big-time Southern California developer, to pitch their mall. You may have seen the article in the Journal about Caruso having opened offices on Solano Avenue to push the mall plan. However, the article failed to mention that Caruso has sent in the former PR guy/campaign manager for Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn to lead the "educational" effort. Aren't we lucky?

So when they lay out their Los Angeles style PR pitch about the mall being a great thing, please take a minute to carefully consider the source.

Developer Rick Caruso raised \$1 million for the re-election of George Bush. He even loaned his jet to the Bush campaign. Then he gave \$250,000 to the group supporting Bush's Social Security privatization plan.

Big-league politics have come to Albany. Get ready for a slick sales job and always consider the source.

Brian Parker
Albany

Deep reforms needed

If the United States is to confront the threats of the 21st century, it will need more than the cosmetic reforms, for the "rotten intelligence" is not limited merely to the CIA, FBI and other federal government institutions.

The entire body politic — Congress, the press, and the general public — have allowed themselves to be deluded by the Bush administration.

How anyone with an ounce of functioning cerebral cortex could have believed Colin Powell's dog-and-pony show at the United Nations completely eludes me. It's an insult to my intelligence even to consider that Powell himself believed the "intelligence" he was presenting.

He did it fully aware that what he was telling was not the truth — because he was told to and because he knew he could do it without risking his retirement benefits.

Although I don't expect anything different from this administration, I admit to nursing hopes that professional journalists who care about the truth will have wised up to this foolishness.

Brian Nelson
El Cerrito

Trade deficit

Until such time as we have leaders with the gumption to say "buy American," we'll have to deal with the trade deficit problem ourselves.

Shopping is something most of us enjoy doing and all of us have to do. My entire life, I have looked for the "Made in the U.S.A." label on each of my purchases.

I am returning some imported moccasins. The company I bought them from used to have them made in America. I was disgusted when I found they had changed manufacturers. A quick Internet search and an e-mail to confirm and now American-made moccasins are on their way to me.

I am more than compensated for a small price increase by the quality I al-

ways get in American products.

And have you noticed that the corporate excuse is always to be more competitive and offer the consumer a cheaper price? When are we supposed to start seeing those cheaper prices?

So my suggestion is to make "Made in the U.S.A." part of your criteria on your next shopping trip. Many thanks to Wrangler, Thorlo socks, Ethan Allen furniture, New Balance, Redwing, and others, for their quality products that are "Made in the U.S.A." The job you save may be your own.

Douglas Keough
El Cerrito

High prices

While I understand the griping about high gasoline prices, I would like to offer what I see as the reasons behind them.

In addition to the supply/demand ratio driving things upward, there are two other quite important forces.

The first of these is monetary inflation caused by our central government increasing the supply of money. When I was a kid in the mid-1930s, I worked at a local gas station where regular sold for 16 cents per gallon. That same price, based on the currency inflation, would be \$3.28 in today's dollars.

A second important factor is the taxes that are added to the basic cost. Not only do we pay a federal tax and state tax, we also pay a sales tax based on the total. The last named certainly did not exist in the 1930s and the others have risen over time.

In any event, the current high cost is due substantially to the way our government steals our earnings. At a cost of \$2.60 for regular, we are paying much less than what we paid in the 1930s — an indication of the improved efficiency of producing the product.

Whether it's gasoline or tomatoes, we have only one way to manage our expenses. Spend less on other things, which doesn't exactly help the economy. Hopefully, that will make our central government stop making our lives so much more costly.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Restore Castro Elementary's library

Your recent article concerning the destructive fire in Castro Elementary School's library calls for swift action from all friends of education in our community.

I particularly urge the Castro School PTA and other area PTAs, Castro's former students and teachers and retired teachers' associations to join in making

contributions to the Castro Library Fund, care of Mechanics Bank in El Cerrito.

School libraries are prime resources for learning the techniques of research as well as for establishing lifetime habits of recreational reading.

The children currently attending Castro Elementary need to have their collection of library books restored now, or their education will be severely impaired.

All children do not have easy access to city and county libraries.

Helen H. Wylie
Richmond

Wylie is a former Castro School teacher.

Our country's takeover

Every day, our country moves closer to an outright fascist state — one party in collusion with mega-corporations, a plutocracy in which an elite minority of the population controls the wealth.

Fascism eventually creates a vast underclass of poverty, which includes masses of the general population who imagine they are immune to such changes. Just consider gas prices and oil changes, and we can see we are all vulnerable. Every time we can say "no" to some aspect of this steady march to disaster, we give hope a chance.

There's a wise saying: "If a frog is dropped into boiling water, it will leap out and save itself. If it is put into cold water and the water is gradually heated up, the frog will stay on, and eventually lose its life."

This is what's happening to us now. The neon takeover of our government is gradual yet relentless. Too many of us are still in denial that the waters are heating up around us. Soon it will be too late for those of us who love our country, our democracy and our beautiful home planet, Earth.

Say "no" now to the nuclear option by which neon radicals are attempting to sidestep the constitutional rights of our Congress in order to infiltrate the judiciary with their puppets, thereby dragging even further the power of the basic principles that have shaped this great nation.

Frances Halman
Berkeley

A harmful plan

Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposed retirement plan would in no way help alleviate the state's budget problems and sounds a lot like George Bush messing with Social Security. When will these guys learn?

The plan would only harm our teachers, school bus drivers, health care workers (doctors, scientists, lab technicians, mental health specialists), and other personnel who are essential to our services and security — not to mention our police and firefighters.

By making current benefits a big stock market gamble, the governor would effectively choke the vitality of California's entire public service system.

Public servants do so much for the health and livelihood of Californians. If anything, they should receive better benefits for the services they provide and the positions they take. Every Californian depends on these individuals.

The governor should never push a retirement plan that would limit the state's ability to retain and recruit individuals essential to our state.

Julie Rosal
Richmond

Calendar



FLYING COLORS

COMICS ALL AROUND: Free Comic Book Day? There must be some sort of catch. But it's true: Nearly 2,000 comic-book specialty stores in the United States will distribute special-edition comics absolutely free of charge on May 7. Stores around the Bay Area are scheduled to participate, including Flying Colors in Concord, where the event was created by owner Joe Field to get the public excited about the genre. Phil Ortiz, cartoonist and animator for "The Simpsons," visits Flying Colors as part of the festivities, as well as Mick Gray of "Zatanna," "Hawkman" and "Legion of Super-Heroes." Bay Area comic stores participating include: Collectors Corner, 3883 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, 510-654-7852; Comic Cards Etc., 2529a San Pablo Ave. Pinole, 510-724-7587; Comic Relief. The Comic Bookstore, 2026 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 510-843-5002; Dr. Comics & Mr. Games, 4014 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, 510-836-1000; Flying Colors Comics & Other Cool Stuff, Treat Boulevard at Oak Grove Road, Concord, 925-825-5410, www.FlyingColorsComics.com; Stand-Up Comics, 10020 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, 510-525-3223.

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddings@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents: Rosie & the Railroaders performs old-time interactive train songs **May 7**. — "Playing around in the Amazon Jungle" is 7:30 p.m. **May 12**. Short videos, toy demonstrations, stories. \$5-\$10 sliding scale. — Colibri presents interactive musical journeys through Latin America **May 14**. Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children; unless otherwise noted. Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Habitat Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., presents National Safe Kids Week activities: Free Vision Screening by Unite for Sight volunteers 10 a.m.-12 p.m. **May 10**. — "Traveling Safely with Children" talk is at 11 a.m. **May 7**. Admission: \$6 child, \$5 adult. Details: 510-647-1111 or go to www.habitat.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, presents "Alien Earths" exhibit showing through **May 8**. — Admission \$4.50-\$8.50. Details: go to www.lawrencehallscience.com or call 510-642-5132.

■ **16th annual Mother's Day Celebration** for the whole family with the Kathy Kallick Band and special guest Mike Marshall is at 1 p.m. **May 8** at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St. Tickets: \$7.50 advance/\$9.50 door. Reservations/Information: www.freightandsalvage.org or 510-548-1761.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents the following shows for the kids: Juan Sanchez 3 p.m. **May 8**. — Gary Lapow 3 p.m. **May 22**. \$4 kids/\$6 adults (babies under 1 free) Admission: \$4 children, \$6 adults (babies under one year old free). Details: www.ashkenaz.com.

■ Musical storyteller **Asheba** brings his Caribbean-style family fiestas to the following: "Healthy Kids Day" 11 a.m. **May 14** at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center

Park, 2151 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free. — "Rainbow Fiesta" children's concert 3 p.m. **May 15** at Rockridge Little School, 5951 College Ave. Age one and under free; ages older than one \$5. Details: www.asheba.net.

■ **Habitat-State Farm Safety Celebration Day** is **May 14**. Car Seat Check by Berkeley Police Department is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at UC Garage, Addison & Oxford Streets. — Kid Print/Stranger Safety Day is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St. Fill in a fingerprinting booklet, learn how to talk to kids about strangers. — Toddler Helmet Decorating is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Habitat's annex. Make helmets unique using their art supplies, stickers. Details: www.habitat.org or 510-647-1111.

■ **Boy Scout meetings** — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5-6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: Brian at 510-231-0403.

■ **Check out books from Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**, 1414 Walnut St. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with children's librarians, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 510-848-0237.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by

professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.cccct.org.

■ **El Cerrito offers special programs for children** from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4371.

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■ **Berkeley YMCA** presents "Literacy & Beyond!" Family Literacy Night 7-9 p.m. **May 6** at Main Gym, Downtown Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way. Grupo Colibri performs stories through song in English and Spanish; regular literacy activities; art with Berkeley Hedge School. Grupo Colibri performs at 7:15 p.m. Details: 510-665-3271.

■ **Bay Area Community Services** presents special lunch days 12-1 p.m. at various locations in Alameda County: Cinco de Mayo on **May 6**; Mother's Day on **May 13**; May birthdays eat free on **May 24**. Donation \$2.25. Details/reservations: 510-986-8900 or www.bayareacs.org.

■ **Holocaust Remembrance Day** is 12 p.m. **May 6** at 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Event features author Liz Rosner, Holocaust survivor Dora Sorrel, 2nd generation daughter Lisa Klug, violinist Randy Weiss and Lola Fraknoi (of JFCS of the East Bay/Holocaust Survivor Services). Details: 510-981-7170.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following pet adoption events: cats 12-3 p.m. **May 7, 14, 21** at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave. — dogs 12-3 p.m. **May 14** at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom** presents "Water: the Next Crisis" talk 10 a.m. **May 7** at Berkeley-East Bay Gray Panthers Office, 1403 Addison St. Laura Santana brings news from Woman and Water Conference she attended in India. Details: 510-548-9896.

■ **Berkeley Potters Guild** presents "A Bird in the Hand," their 26th annual Spring Sale and Show 10 a.m.-6 p.m. **May 7-8** at 731 Jones St. Details: 510-524-7031 or www.berkeleypotters.com.

■ **Bansuri Music** presents a benefit concert for Ik Onkar Peace Foundation featuring G.S. Sachdev and Swapan Chaudhuri 7:30 p.m. **May 7** at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets: \$28 advance, \$23 students & seniors, \$32 door; go to www.bansuri.net or Bansuri's Spring Gallery, Oakland or Global Exchange-SF/Berkeley or Siamese Dream-Berkeley. Details: www.gssachdev.com or 415-259-8629.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King,

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■ **East Bay Atheists** May 7-8 2-5 p.m. **May 7** at Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St., 1st Meeting Room. Group meets Saturdays monthly. Dr. Mark Winell, a local therapist, will bring about the process of moving from religious fundamentalism to "Leaving the Fold: A Guide for Fundamentalists and Others in their Religion." Larry 510-232-2222.

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Police

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increase, said Chapek. In exchange, union employees will receive a \$325 monthly pay increase this July.

The El Cerrito Police Employees Association had been working without a contract since June, 2004. The new contract will be effective until June 30, 2007.

Mayor Sandi Potter said the new contract will keep salaries competitive so that the city can attract and retain qualified police officers. Several police officers have left the department over the last several months.

The union has about 50 members comprising police officers, clerical staff, parking enforcement officers, cadets and the chief secretary, said detective Sgt. Shawn Maples, the union vice president.

"I think the membership is overall pretty happy with it," Maples said. "In times of economic

turmoil we think it's a pretty fair contract."

In other business, the council discussed but made no decisions about fee increases that could save the city \$622,000 annually.

The increases include a \$60 fee to process business licenses and a \$20 fee for business license renewals.

The council is scheduled to approve the changes at its June 6 meeting.

The financial advisory board will discuss the fee changes at its Tuesday, May 10 meeting. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chamber, 7007 Mooser Lane, at 7 p.m.

Finally, the council, acting as the city's redevelopment agency, has rescinded a policy requiring developers to pay prevailing wage to construction workers who help build developments on agency-owned land.

The city had instituted a prevailing wage policy in 1998, three years before the state passed a prevailing wage law that the city

considered less restrictive than its own.

The council rescinded the city's policy Monday night, as part of an effort to sell off and develop four properties it owns along San Pablo Avenue, primarily on the north end of town.

"It's just become clear over time that we're holding onto a lot of property and there's not a lot of interest on the part of anybody to buy or develop them because they come with strings attached," said redevelopment manager Lori Trevino. "And the strings are we would have to pay a greater cost to develop the site because of prevailing wages."

State law will require the redevelopment agency to continue paying prevailing wage for projects it subsidizes.

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Council

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to normal traffic leading to the plaza, with access remaining for pedestrians, bicyclists and emergency vehicles.

On May 2, the council agreed to hire Kimley-Horn to look at how street closures could affect traffic circulation in the area. The study is required under California environmental law, Chaney said.

Public meetings will be held to discuss the results of the study. Chaney expected the study to be completed in three months.

Finally, the council approved a request by Vice Mayor Allan Maris to look into reducing the length of commission terms from four years to two.

The council voted 4-1 to refer the request to the city's charter review committee. The committee will make a recommendation to the council about whether to move forward with the change by amending the city's charter.

Changes to the charter, which is akin to a city constitution, would require voter approval.

Maris is also seeking to prevent volunteers from serving on more than one commission. That would not require a change to

the city charter, said Jackie Bucholz.

Members of the council they supported Maris except for Good, who was against it.

After the meeting, Chaney wanted to prevent Measure Q, a charter amendment approved in 1996. Among things, Measure Q says that commission volunteers will serve year terms running simultaneously with council terms.

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Castro

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their dedication to helping Castro rebuild its collection.

Lupine Hills Elementary School in Hercules earmarked at least \$250. Kensington Elementary School is donating books and money from its book fair.

In Alameda, the hometown of Castro Principal Galen Murphy, the George Miller Elementary School started a districtwide book drive.

"My boys have a lot of books. We just thought 'Oh, we should share these,'" said Kate Meade, Miller PTA president.

Her husband suggested she e-mail everyone in the school PTA. "Since then it's just spread all over," Meade said.

The generosity of communities nearby and far away has touched parents and staffers at Castro.

"I think it's pretty fantastic," Campbell said. He marveled at the letters from those who didn't have money to spare but offered their help nonetheless.

The school is far off from fixing the problem. The blaze caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage.

"We've a long way to go," he said.

Authorities continue to investigate the fire, an El Cerrito fire captain said. The fire cannot be classified as arson but did not

arise naturally, said Capt. Michael Bond.

The school district is offering a \$3,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of people involved.

Those with information can

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Solar

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pathology specialists.

It remains to be seen how much of the building will be powered by photovoltaic panels, she said. "We are hoping that a good portion of our electrical needs are met through that."

But more than that, she believed the building will make lower Solano Avenue more interesting.

"This whole process has made me so aware of how our physical environment creates a mood," said Lev. "And I think this place is both beautiful and soothing."

The American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment gave equal praise to Arkin Tilt Architects for its work on a home at Gardnerville, Nev., 20 miles south of Carson City on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The home was one of eight projects the environmental architecture committee gave a "green" award to for 2005.

"The project," according to the agency's press release, "has opened the eyes of neighbors, visitors, and local and state dignitaries to the higher quality of life that can be achieved with thoughtful solar and green building strategies."

City Councilman Farid Javandel said he hoped the city

could encourage greater use of green building techniques, perhaps through building incentives, such as reduced permit fees.

"That's something I'd like to kick off soon," said Javandel, who appointed Arkin to the city's planning and zoning commission. "And I'm asking him (Arkin) to maybe champion that cause at the planning commission (level). I think he'd be a great person to do it."

The state also is looking at encouraging greater use of renewable energy sources through its emerging renewables program.

The program provides rebates and tax credits for business and homeowners that use photovoltaic systems and wind turbines, among other renewable energy sources, said Percy Della, the spokesman for the California Energy Commission.

With 0.3 percent of its electricity coming from solar energy, California is the No. 1 user of sun power in the country, said Della. Together, Contra Costa and Alameda counties produce 4.2 megawatts of electricity through solar energy, which is enough to power 4,200 homes.

State rebates lowered the cost for the solar system for the Solano Avenue office building from close to \$40,000 to about \$25,000, Arkin said.

"Even with state rebates, it's a seven- to 10-year pay back," said Arkin, "but after that your

power is free. I think for anyone who has an awareness of our dependence on oil and all that means, solar power is a form of patriotism."

Though it's the first solar-powered commercial building in the city, Arkin said they're becoming less uncommon. He's worked on several dozen throughout the state.

Homes outfitted with solar panels, including his own, are more common and can be found throughout the city, he said.

But solar energy use is just one part of Arkin's overall environmental vision. As a member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, he supports the Green Albany Project, an effort by the Chamber and the city to decrease the amount of waste businesses produce.

"At some point we will have to go that way, in terms of being solar powered and using recycled materials," said James Carter, the director of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. "At some point it will be mandated because there won't be timber, there won't be gas. He's way ahead of the curve on that."

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For example, the exterior was painted a bright apple green. Phyllis had chosen the color; she must have liked it, but we felt it would put many people off. Also, it was a

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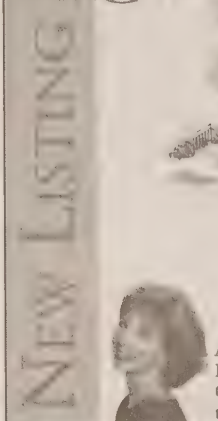
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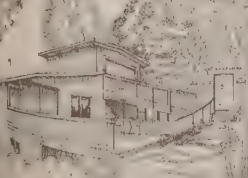
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6866 Saroni Drive

Imagine coming home to this tranquil 4 bedroom 2 bath house with it's inviting entryway courtyard, striking newly remodeled gourmet kitchen, large family room, and spacious living room with walls of glass that overlook the trees of Montclair. This two story home that has been lovingly maintained over the years has the feel of being in Tahoe yet is just minutes to Montclair Village and freeway access. Go to www.6866saronidrive.com to learn more.

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...it is not too expensive, into
...fireplace. The wooden
...in the house were in poor
...damaged by pets and an
...bathing bath. The living room
...was covered with acousti-
...that looked out of place,
...for the house. And the
...in some cases loudly wall-
...looked sad.
...talked with Jane about all
...things and decided to get
...and bids before de-
...what, if anything, to have
...carpenter bid on building
...our painters told us what
...charge for painting and also
...the acoustical tiles
...electrical. We got a bid for
...the floors and replac-
...the damaged portions. There
...also be expense in wash-
...the windows, general clean-
...hanging and some
...curtains.
...with all the costs in hand, we
...with Jane and estimated for
...house would be if the work
...agreed on painting
...and out and on restoring the
...The termite work wasn't
...we didn't plan to address
...this end. Everything else
...word doing except we
...if the trellis and the liv-
...room ceiling redo were really
...necessary.
...The trellis would cost about
...the ceiling about the same.
...we would get for spending
...money beyond the satisfac-
...seeing the house look bet-
...Was the expense justified?
...There were no guarantees, but
...we chose to do it all and, as it
...out, we think that the house
...for considerably more be-
...all of it. Painting and cleaning
...beautiful floors sparked up the
...considerably. Filmy white
...and bouquets of flowers
...led to a fresh, airy look. A cou-
...light fixtures were changed
...the fireplace brick scrubbed.
...some of Phyllis' furnish-
...to use, including a lovely old
...bed and a patchwork quilt.
...overall effect was terrific.
...The addition of the wide trellis
...at least to my eye, a master-
...I looked again today at the
...and after photos, and am
...impressed by how much visual
...the trellis lends to the
...We had it painted white like
...window trim, a nice contrast
...the new soft grey-green of
...house. As far as the living
...ceiling is concerned, no one
...the ceiling at all once the
...were gone, and I consider that
...class.

...that would the house have
...for these things had not
...done? There were several of-
...from buyers and the house
...for more than any of us had
...occupied. The people who
...the house were very
...used to buy it.
...I don't think they could say
...they would have paid if the
...had been different. Probab-
...most buyers aren't aware of
...individual cosmetic details that
...use them to buy a particular
...house. These buyers, for instance,
...been looking at larger houses
...because they have a lot of be-
...things, and at first they felt that
...house was too small.
...They came to our Sunday
...house at the beginning, went
...to look at other houses, then
...ended to linger, and they ended
...asking it. Why was that? Which
...the characteristics of the house
...led them to make their deci-
...about the same time we
...marketing this house, we put
...after on the market, a com-
...different situation. The own-
...had died; their children were
...young. The house needed a lot of
...work, heating system, kitchen
...baths all would need replac-
...We couldn't pick out anything
...could be done for a reason-
...amount of money that would
...be a substantial difference in
...appearance of the house.
...Our recommendation was to
...reports and bids for repairing
...basic systems of the house to
...to buyers. We asked that
...the belongings except a table
...chairs (it's always a good idea
...provide a place to sit down) be
...moved out of the house, and we
...had a crew to clean the house
...thoroughly. Our clients agreed.
...clean windows did make

a huge difference for the better and so did some garden trimming and tree pruning.
We think that the best price was received for this house (there were also several bids on this one) by doing very little. The buyer was someone who intended to do a complete renovation before moving in. He was glad to have written evaluations of the house and

to receive it cleaned, but it's unlikely that he would have paid a higher price if, for example, the house had just been painted.
At least that's our best guess, the best that our experience has taught us.
Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at www.tarpoffandtalbert.com.

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


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1701 Manzanita Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$779,000

Stylish Montclair contemporary with sparkling San Francisco and Bay views. Spacious floor plan that offers a dramatic multi-level design with most rooms sited to capture the view or opening to secluded outdoor spaces. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, kitchen/family room, sun room, approximately 2500 sq. ft.



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NEW REDWOOD HEIGHTS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1-5PM



4406 Harbor View Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$619,000

Enjoy views of the Bay/SF from the house, the deck & the yard of this wonderful bungalow. Light & bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath home that boasts hardwood & Saltillo tile floors. Warm yourself by the grand fireplace in the living room. Entertain in the formal dining room, enjoy your morning cup of coffee in the eat-in kitchen & take in the sunsets from the deck just off of the kitchen. A truly wonderful place to call home! Online tour at www.4406HarborView.com.



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112 Sunnyside Avenue, Piedmont
Offered at \$1,225,000

Gracious three + bedroom, three bath traditional with fabulous kitchen/family room, level yard and hill views.



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NEW BERKELEY LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2-4:30PM



1749 Vine Street, Berkeley
Offered at \$859,000

Enchanting retreat in the heart of Berkeley! Sunny decks, trees and gardens surround this very special home. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, spiral staircase to master suite with sitting room and SF views. Home office and workshop. Close to Gourmet Ghetto.



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OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,495,000
1258 SUNNYHILLS RD.

Absolutely gorgeous 4BR/2+BA 1924 Classic Traditional renovated in 2003. Kitchen/family room, French doors to patio, landscaped park-like yard. Dee Knowland x1318



OAKMORE \$1,200,000
2440 LEIMERT BLVD.

1930s 5BR/3BA Grand Traditional. Richly detailed living room w/vaulted ceilings & built-ins. Library, 4 fireplaces, spacious remodeled kitchen, huge family room. Steven Biasatti x1379



PIEDMONT \$749,000
116 ARBOR DR.

New Listing! Freshly redone 3BR/2BA home in convenient location. Renewed hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room & nicely landscaped gardens. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$639,000
80 SELKIRK ST.

(Open 2-5)
Delightful art deco style 3BR/1+BA home. Open floor plan with distinct curves & wood moldings. Herring-bone hardwood floors, landscaped yard. Offered "as-is." Cindy Houts x1364



BERKELEY \$559,000
1502 5th ST.

Charming 2+BR/1BA home located close to 4th Street shopping area. Lovely kitchen, large light-filled loft & cheerful yard. Spacious detached studio. Rich Gould x1347

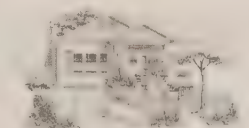
MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000
518 MOUNTAIN BLVD.

Gorgeous 3300+/- sq. ft. like new home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, office, family room, beautifully appointed throughout. Great for comfortable living. Bonnie Hirsch x1337



BERKELEY \$859,000
1749 VINE ST.

(Open 2-4)
New Listing! Enchanting retreat surrounded by sunny decks, trees & gardens. Special 4BR/2BA home w/master suite w/sitting room & views, home office & workshop. Leslie Easterday x1363



OAKLAND \$699,000
4228 TERRACE ST.

New Listing! Lovely, updated & upgraded 2BR/2BA home. Modern, open kitchen/dining/living area. Hot tub, deck & gardens. Workout room/office. Near Piedmont Ave. Dana Dworin x1384

MONTCLAIR \$639,000
1772 INDIAN WAY

New Listing! Wonderful 2+BR/1BA traditional with original details. French doors, random plank floors, built-ins, bright rooms. Large lot, attached garage. Nancy Chew x1342



NORTH OAKLAND \$499,000
662 AILEEN ST.

New Listing! 2BR/1BA home w/large back yard porch, laundry area & attic. Newer roof & 5 year old foundation. Near Rockridge, Berkeley Bowl & freeway access. Tom Nemeth x1380

MONTCLAIR \$1,249,000
6345 SWAINLAND RD.

(Open 2-5)
Fantastic Bay View contemporary, 4+BR/3.5BA, sky-high ceilings, gorgeous marble entry. Luxuriously appointed. Sweeping decks, gardens. Approx. 3700 sq. ft. Nancy Moore x1302

MONTCLAIR \$779,000
1701 MANZANITA DR.

New Listing! Stylish contemporary with San Francisco and Bay views. Kitchen/family room opens to sun room, decks and patio. 3BR/2.5BA. Approximately 2466 sq. ft. Teri Carlisle x1305

HADDON HILL \$699,000
601 HADDON RD.

Prestigious corner lot near the top of Haddon Hill. This four bedroom, three and one half bath property has a master suite, au-pair area, formal dining room & parlor. Joanna Hirsch x1366

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$619,000
4406 HARBOR VIEW AVE.

(Open 1-5)
New Listing! Wonderful & light 2BR/2BA bungalow with SF & Bay views. Hardwood & Saltillo tile floors, formal dining room & deck off eat-in kitchen. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354



PIEDMONT \$1,225,000
112 SUNNYSIDE AVE.

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ORINDA \$769,000
24 MARIPOSA LN.

Stylish 3BR/2BA on cul-de-sac. Spacious enchanting level out gardens, beautiful views of the Orinda hills, light-filled open plan design. Convenient location. Leslie Avant x1341

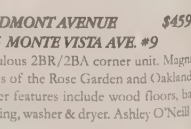


REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$649,000
3400 GUIDO ST.

(Open 2-5)
Elegant 2BR/1BA Mediterranean w/sophisticated architectural details. Formal dining room, upgraded kitchen, storage & workshop area. Quaint garden & patio. Diane E. McCan x1352

OAKLAND HILLS \$585,000
52 HERITAGE

Lovely 3BR/2.5BA townhouse on tranquil cul-de-sac. Living room with fireplace. Large dining area, crown molding, secluded patio & deck, 2-car garage with inside access. Robyn Mohr x1310



PIEDMONT AVENUE \$459,000
525 MONTE VISTA AVE. #9

Fabulous 2BR/2BA corner unit. Magnificent views of the Rose Garden and Oakland Hills. Other features include wood floors, balcony, parking, washer & dryer. Ashley O'Neill x1388



PIEDMONT \$3,450,000

Magnificent English Tudor on one of Piedmont's finest streets. Incredible architectural detail, 4+ bedrooms, 4+ baths, beautiful kitchen, library, family room and guest suite. Georgia Cornell x1325



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OAKLAND \$499,000

1906 duplex fixer. Three bedroom, two bath main unit with dining room and hardwood floors. Two bedroom, one bath lower unit. Big yard, garage converted to storage/workshop. Off-street parking. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303

MONTCLAIR \$979,000

4BR/2BA five year old Hennigan home. Guest bedroom/office, kitchen/family room, lots of storage. Two car attached garage with inside access. Located on a cul-de-sac. Dick Cohen x1308

MONTCLAIR LOT \$249,000

Great development potential. Very buildable with moderate grade on northwest side of parcel. Soils report available upon request. Peaceful vistas across Shepherd Canyon. Approximately 6,648 square feet. David Ichikawa x1331

PIEDMONT AVENUE \$699,000

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...beauty in our commu-
...The Grubb Company's
...Karnay. "When we opened
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...pillars that flank the en-
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archway you find a large and gracious formal
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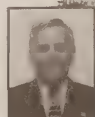
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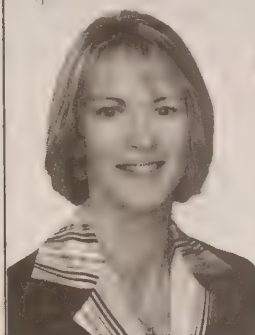
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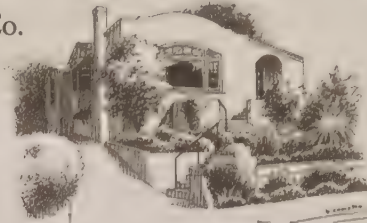


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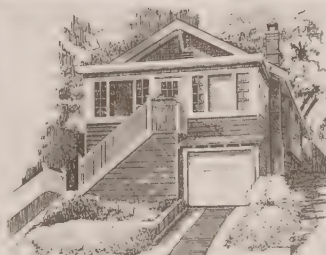
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WHO?

■ Who? This columnist was able to network with so many real estate professionals at the recent Tech Faire — well — there are just too many to mention them all.

But it was good to see old

friends and make some new ones. I can say it was a "super-event" as promised.

■ Realtor Tere Lee has joined Keller Williams Synergy Real Estate in San Leandro. To wish her well call 800-909-TERE.

WHAT?

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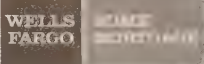
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Older house or newer construction: Weighing your options

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Maybe it has something to do with a childhood home we fondly remember. Many of us long for older homes built with solid construction, quality craftsmanship and beautiful details. We wax poetic and wistfully recall the hand carvings, plaster walls and eyebrow dormers of homes we've known. On the other hand, how do the old homes we admire

compare with newly minted models—and what should we consider before deciding which to buy?

Location. Typically, older homes sit on generous plots of land in or near town. The neighborhoods are established and usually more central to schools and shopping. Mature trees and plantings provide shade and beautify the property and neighborhood streets.

Newer homes are generally found

in new developments outside of town and homeowners who buy into an early can expect to contend with dust and construction sights and sounds as the remaining phases are being built. Landscaping may be skimpy or nonexistent, but a buyer has the opportunity to design the décor from scratch.

Layout. New homes tend to have a more spacious functional layout with higher ceilings, bigger windows,

family kitchens, walk-in closets and family rooms. Some even have media rooms and come pre-wired for cable and computers. On the other hand, older homes were designed

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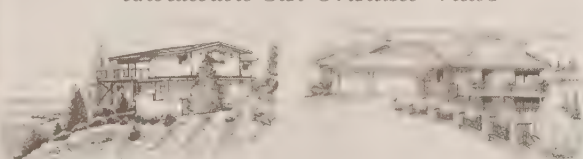
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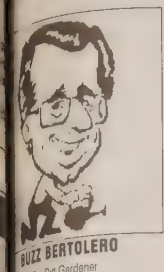
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pattern? The mowing patterns will certainly improve the appearance of your lawn, but you want your lawn to match the patterns on sports fields. Most homeowners use a rotary mower to cut their lawns. You can get a somewhat similar appearance, with a rotary mower, but it will be much less dramatic. Professional grounds maintenance uses special reel-type mowers. The reels lay the turf over in the direction away from the mower, creating a highly visible pattern. The grass blades are cut and "comb" it in the direction the mower is moving.

There are different shades of green in lawns due to the fact that the grass blades are lying in opposite directions. This allows the turf to either reflect or absorb light. The grass blades laying in the direction away from the sun appear lighter, while the blades laying towards the sun appear darker. Most sports fields use a pattern of bluegrass and/or ryegrass. Bluegrass is the dominant grass in residential areas. Bluegrass and ryegrass are narrow bladed and bend over while fescue is a very stiff grass that doesn't lay over. You should determine the pattern you want to create before you begin mowing. An important feature of every design is consistent

direction. When beginning a new pattern, the stripes, sidewalk, foul line, etc., should be your first line is straight. You need to locate a spot on the lawn where the edges of your mower tracks are a one-inch overlap of each other. This will maintain the edge between directions. Really don't look down while

you are mowing. Focus on something in front of you and don't take your eyes off the ball. When you are at the end of the lawn, turn around and mow the other way. In larger turf areas, it is best to rotate among four patterns: north-south, east-west, back and forth east-west, and diagonal south-northwest, and diagonal south-southeast. In long, narrow, areas, even alternating between two patterns will help reduce stripes and makes your lawn

Construction

Even with storm windows, they're not nearly as energy efficient as modern dual-glazed or thermal windows. While most older homes have insulation in outside walls and some homes built today insulate with high heating and cooling costs. Although the bigger windows, and ceilings and larger rooms, in new homes, can also have high utility bills.

Maintenance. With older homes, you could be more expensive than a newer home. Old appliances, plumbing and electrical systems—not to mention the roof—may need to be replaced. A turn-of-the-century home has outdated knob-and-tube wiring, and even a recently built home may have an inadequate fuse box. The demands of 21st-century life. But newer homes generally have warranties that will cover most major problems. Older homes are usually more expensive per square foot. In addition, the tax structure is more favorable because the neighborhood is established with amenities. Newer neighborhoods are still in process of gaining, such as police and fire services, and schools (roads, sidewalks, etc.). However, with restoration costs a factor for older homes, your dollar goes very well spent on the charm and beauty of an older home. If you win your heart, hire an architect to evaluate the home for structural, insect and water damage, wiring, foundation problems, energy efficiency, including window and wall as well as heating/cooling systems and insulation.

When you get the all-clear, you have the answer. The last consideration: Does the home fit your lifestyle or would you rather get a newer model? You better! Only you and your wallet have the answer. Robert Thompson is a Realtor at Pacific Union Realty. He can be reached at 510-410-2003.

look better. It can be much more difficult in small areas, particularly those that are long and narrow and planted with trees.

Q Why do the red flowers on my indoor, blooming cactus drop off so quickly? They are gone within a day or two. What am I doing wrong as my friend's plant blooms

for several weeks?

A I'd suspect that the plant is somewhere near a bowl or basket of apples, bananas, or other fruits. These fruits release a naturally occurring gas called ethylene. The ethylene gas ages flowers quickly and causes them to drop off prematurely. This is also a prob-

lem with cut flowers, especially carnations. The centers of the petals curl up and become distorted.

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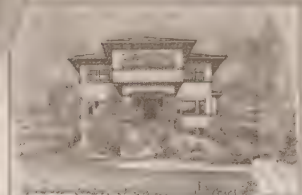
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Ask your mover about the company policy on breakage. Standard moving company insurance may pay only a percentage of the cash value of broken items. Full protection will cost more but may be worth the added expense if you are moving fragile and valuable items. Tell your moving company up front about any special requirements your move will involve. And, remind them the day of the move.

Typically, the actual cost of your move is determined by weighing your belongings after

they have been loaded into the van, plus charges for packing, insurance and other items. If the cost turns out to be higher than the estimate, the company will notify you. When moving short distances, the moving cost may be determined by the number of hours times and hourly rate.

If the moving company is doing the packing for you, it will take

place one or two days before the van is loaded. Supervise packing and all phases of the move. Do not expect to pack plants, firewood or flammable items.

You can save money by packing items yourself. You may be able to buy boxes and packing materials from the moving company. However, the boxes you pack may not be covered by the mover's insurance. So ask.

Work out a floor plan for your new home so that the mover can

place beds, tables and other heavy items where you want them. Movers will follow your directions on furniture placement. This is not the time to experiment; do not keep changing your mind about where you want the piano to go.

If you do not hire a professional mover and prefer to move yourself, plan carefully. Before you rent a truck and call your friends to help, figure out approximately how much you have to move, where you are going to put it in your new

home and if any items will require special handling.

Pay careful attention to details. You don't want damaged belongings to dampen the excitement of moving into your new home. Moving can be very tiring, so don't feel you must unpack every box the minute the truck leaves.

Before you move, pack for your family as if you were going to stay in a hotel for a few nights. Also pack a box with some bedding, eating utensils and cooking items.

With thoughtful planning, you should be able to survive comfortably amid the clutter of moving.

Remember, eventually all boxes will be unpacked, and you will relax and enjoy your new home. Better prepared you are to stress your move.

To learn more about moving, see MOVE, Page B18.

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10th Mortgage	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.000	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	1.250	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	1.250	JUMBO AND SUPER JUMBO SPECIALIST Call 7 days per week (1800) 796-MARY More rates at: www.marylight.com
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24th Mortgage	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.000	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	1.250	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	1.250	
25th Mortgage	30-yr Fixed	5.500	0.000	30-yr Fxd Jumbo	5.750	0.000	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	1.250	5/1 ARM Jumbo	4.625	1.250	
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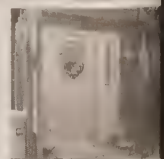
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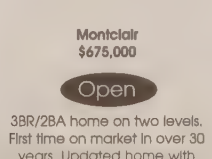


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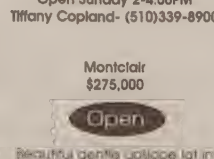


Oakland
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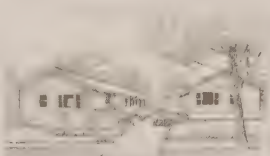
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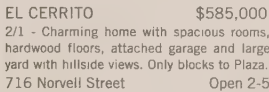
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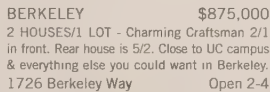
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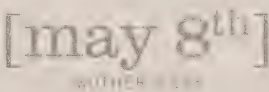
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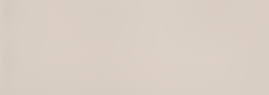
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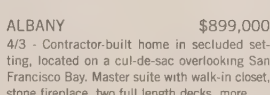
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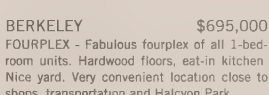
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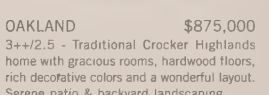
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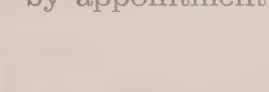
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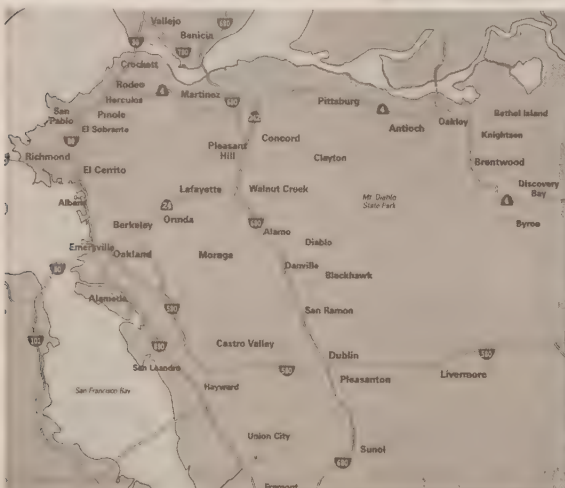
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\$479,500	540 Taylor Avenue	2BD/1BA	Sat 2-4	West End Harbor Bay Realty
\$499,000	3114 La Campana	2BD/1.5BA	Open Sat 2-4	Bay Farm Island Harbor Bay Realty
\$519,000	3459 Hazel Lane	2BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island Harbor Bay Realty
\$521,000	1001 Shoreline Dr. 208	2BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	South Shore Harbor Bay Realty
\$529,000	433 Haight Ave.	2BD/1BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	West End Harbor Bay Realty
\$539,000	1161 Camino Del Valle	3BD/2.5BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island Harbor Bay Realty
\$559,000	3160 Phoenix Ln.	3BD/2.5BA	Sat 2:30-4:30/Sun 2-4	L. Lipetski/D. Gutierrez
\$569,000	1036 Lincoln Ave.	2BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4	Central Harbor Bay Realty
\$599,000	1038 Mangrove Lane	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island Harbor Bay Realty
\$599,000	2009 Lincoln Ave.	2 Units	Sat/Sun 2-4	Central Harbor Bay Realty
\$599,000	213 Central Ave.	2BD/1.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4:30	Kane & Assoc.
\$634,950	1843 Elm Street	3BD/1BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.
\$649,000	103 Norwich Rd.	2BD/2BA	Open Sat 2-4:30	Harbor Bay Isle
\$669,000	3003 Triumph	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4	Kane & Assoc.
\$675,000	3549 McSherry Way	4BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.
\$689,000	219 Bannister Court	3BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle
\$699,000	705 Baywood Rd.	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty
\$749,000	2142 Santa Clara Ave	Central	Sat 1-4	Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes

Alameda

\$769,000	12 Hampton Ct.	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Kane & Assoc.
\$785,000	2919 Fernside Blvd	3BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 1-4	Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.
\$789,000	3321 Constance Cir.	3BD/2BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30	Bayside Real Estate
\$798,000	1026 Otis Drive	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 12-2	Central Harbor Bay Realty
\$799,000	38 Vista Road	4BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4pm	Cameron-Jones Realtors
\$799,000	92 Ratto Rd.	3BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle
\$799,500	1726 Moreland Dr.	3BD/1.5BA	Open Sat 2-4	Kane & Assoc.
\$819,500	2125 Buena Vista Avenue	Duplex	Sat & Sun 2-4	Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.
\$825,000	1007 Fair Oaks Ave	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Gold Coast Harbor Bay Realty
\$850,000	1549 Bay St.	2 UNITS	Open Sat 12-4	Gallagher Lindsay, Jim Nations
\$850,000	1549 Bay Street	6BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 1-4	Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.
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\$899,000	1012 Walnut St.	4 Units	Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage
\$980,000	10 Anderson Rd.	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Kane & Assoc.
\$1,170,000	1719 San Jose Ave.	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 1-4	Gold Coast Harbor Bay Realty
\$1,180,000	94 Kilkenny Pl.	4BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle
\$1,350,000	216 Sweet Road	4BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-5	Gallagher and Lindsey, Inc.

Albany

\$485,000	797 Taft Ave Unit C	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5pm	Red Oak Realty
\$649,000	1051 Curtis St	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4pm	Security Pacific
\$689,000	1069 Peralta Ave	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4pm	Red Oak Realty

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\$735,000	826 Evelyn Ave	4BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 1-5pm	Donald Parrish
\$355,000	2908 Deakin St. #E	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$375,000	2120 6th Street #4	4BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30	Studio Coldwell Banker
\$399,000	3154 College Avenue #4	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$405,000	1417 Kains Ave	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4pm	Berkeley Hills Realty
\$495,000	3036 B Fulton Street	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$499,000	1112 Ward St	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Prudential
\$525,000	2129 5th Street	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$549,000	1209 Parker St	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Montclair Better Homes
\$549,000	2796 Grant St	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5pm	Prudential
\$549,650	1605 Carleton St	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 1:30-4pm	Coldwell Banker Bartels
\$559,000	1502 5th St.	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$560,000	1731 Blake Street	3+BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-4:30pm	Better Homes Realty
\$565,000	1127 Delaware St	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Westrae Thormvall Properties
\$599,000	1319 Cornell Ave	Duplex	Open Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens
\$609,000	1645 Fairview St	4+BD/2BA	Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Realty Advocates
\$645,000	993 Santa Clara Ave	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Prudential
\$648,000	959 Mendocino	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5pm	Red Oak Realty
\$650,000	3109 Ellis St	3+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Prudential
\$735,000	2118 Woolsey Street	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
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\$845,000	600 Peralta	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4pm	Red Oak Realty
\$859,000	1749 Vine	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4pm	Pacific Union GMAC
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\$929,000	450 Boynton Ave	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Prudential
\$1,050,000	256 Alvarado Road	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$1,200,000	1171 Cragmont Ave.	4BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$1,335,000	1164 Laurel	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett Realtors

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\$1,350,000	2156 Ward St.	5BD/4BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$1,475,000	683 Santa Barbara Road	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$1,495,000	880 Grizzly Peak	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$585,000	716 Norwell	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4pm	Red Oak Realty
\$620,000	150 Pomona St	3BD/1.5BA	Sat 2-4; Sun 2-5	Kathleen Wilson
\$639,000	5636 Jordan Ave	4BD/2BA	Open Sat 2-4/Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$699,000	522 Clayton Ave	3+BD/1+BA	Open Sun 1:30-4pm	Security Pacific
\$385,000	2 Anchor Dr. #F276	1BD/1BA	Sun 1-4	Watergate Coldwell Banker
\$429,900	5 Commodore Dr B308	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Watergate Prudential
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\$498,000	21226 Santos St	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Montclair Better Homes
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\$749,000	218 Purdue Avenue	2+BD/1+BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$775,000	36 Kingston Rd	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Marvin Gardens
\$1,495,000	3266 Elvia St	5BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors
\$199,000	730 29th St #115	Commercial	Open Sun 2-4pm	Red Oak Realty
\$249,000	150 Pearl St Unit #313	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Adams Point Coldwell Banker
\$249,950	7 W. Embarcadero #101	1BD/1BA	Open 1-4	Windermere Properties
\$319,000	720 Canyon Oaks #C	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$335,000	151 Lakeside Dr. 203	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty
\$359,950	10014 Pippin Street	2+BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4pm	Keller Williams Realty
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\$775,000	36 Kingston Rd	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Marvin Gardens

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\$399,000	730 29th St #105	Loft	Open Sun 2-4pm	Red Oak Realty
\$405,000	5448 Trask St		Open Sun 2-4pm	Maison Nouveau
\$425,000	5408 Ruth Ave	Maxwell Park	Open Sun 2-4:30pm	Prudential
\$429,000	5510 Plumas Ave		Open Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens
\$439,000	2202 Rosedale	Allendale	Sat & Sun 2-4pm	Prudential
\$439,000	2932 Filbert St, Unit #2	Oakland	Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$445,000	6320 Majestic Avenue	Millmont	Open Sun 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$449,000	2018 16th Ave		Open Sun 2-4:30	C21 Heritage
\$449,000	4212 Masterson Street	Laurel	Open Sun 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$449,000	8041 Wintrop St	Oakland Hills	Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$449,500	4100 Santa Rita St		Sat & Sun 2-4pm	Keller Williams Realty
\$459,000	525 Monte Vista Ave. #3	Piedmont Avenue	Sun 2-4:30	Pacific Union GMAC
\$469,000	5600 Van Fleet Ave		Open Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens
\$475,000	3301 Madera Ave		Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Realty Advocates
\$479,000	6300 MacArthur		Sun 2-4pm	Prudential
\$489,000	794 35th St		Open Sun 2-4pm	Marvin Gardens
\$490,000	3112 Birdsall	Maxwell Park	Sun 2-4:30pm	Prudential
\$499,000	380 51st St		Sun 2-5pm	Red Oak Realty
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\$510,000	3139 Kingsland Avenue		Open Sun 2-4:30	Wells & Bennett Realtors
\$519,000	812-814 - 46th St	Duplex	Sun 10-6	Prudential
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\$549,000	3711 Field St		Sun 2-4:30pm	Montclair Better Homes
\$550,000	852 McArthur Blvd.	Haddon Hill	Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker
\$559,000	1 Whittle Court	Diamond	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$559,000	291 Adams Street	Adams Point	Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.
\$559,000	320 Caldecott Lane #217		Sun 1:30-4pm	Red Oak Realty
\$559,000	4737 Virginia Ave	Maxwell Park	Sun 2-5pm	Prudential
\$568,000	1063 Alcatraz Ave		Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Realty
\$575,000	127 Ironwood		Sun 2-4:30	Sequeyah Heights

Feng Shui your home

...you've heard the term Feng Shui. But do you have any clue what it is? "Feng" and "shui" are Chinese words. Feng means wind and shui is water. Together, they make feng shui, pronounced

"fung shway," a discipline based on the analysis of energy. It examines how the placement of objects in an environment affect the energy flow in your home. How you place your furniture, possessions and yourself within your home promotes

balance, comfort and harmony in your health, relationships, work and other aspects of your life. To attain feng shui in your home:

- Positioning is crucial. Do not hang a chandelier above a chair. Don't put a sofa or bed under a beam.

- A home should be level on the ground. A sunken room lets positive energy flow down and get trapped.

- Objects or furniture with sharp edges should not "point" into a seating space.

- Outdoor pathways from the front to the back of your home should be curved and not in a direct line. Develop curved lines with a birdbath, fountain, small pond or garden bed.

- Entranceways are an important component of feng shui — doorways can't be too large or too small.

Counter large doorways by placing a windchime outside the door. Place a mirror on either side of a small door to fix this problem.

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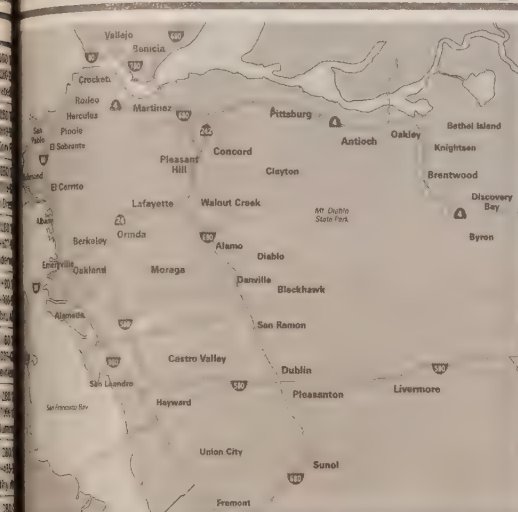
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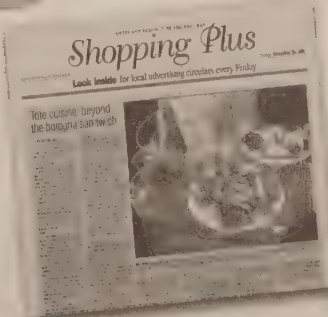
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1209 79th Ave #4 -BD/-BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Laura Arechiga	\$699,000 601 Haddon 4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Haddon Hill Pacific Union GMAC Chuck Corwin
4575 Elmore Ave 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Gerny Givens	\$699,000 8085 Skyline Blvd 3BD/3BA Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Prudential Laurel Strand
5901 Murillo Ave 2BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Ken Nwokedi	\$719,000 6885 Oakwood Drive 4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co. Steve Michaelides
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80 Sellick 3BD/1+BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Cindy Houts	\$775,000 2712, 2714, 2716 Harrison St 3BD/2.5BA Sun 1-5pm Adams Point Montclair Better Homes Michael Thompson
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2587 El Camino 3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Jody Dworzak	\$799,000 3945 Waterhouse Rd 4+BD/2BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 Realty Advocates Brett Weinstein
5315 Shafter Ave. 2BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Michael Valva	\$799,000 6898 Oakwood Dr. 3BD/2.5BA Open Sun 1-4 Montclair Cathy Truelove
5925 Johnston Dr. 2BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Liat Bostick	\$839,000 208-212 Orange St. -BD/-BA Sun 2-4:30 Adams Point - 3 units Coldwell Banker Gary & Noni Robinson

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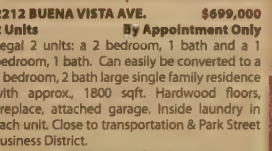
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PREP TENNIS



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EL CERRITO'S Kazumi Negishi returns a shot during his semifinal win over teammate Jeremy Williams. Negishi lost to Alameda's Tommy Tu 6-3, 6-2 in the championship.

Gauchos' Negishi is No. 2 behind Tu

■ Alameda player denies El Cerrito senior the ACCAL title with a straight-sets victory

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — El Cerrito High School's Kazumi Negishi reached the singles final of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships Tuesday at Alameda High School. Alameda's Tommy Tu won the North Coast Section's automatic singles berth with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Negishi.

"In the morning I had a calculus test, so it was a pretty long day, but I thought I played pretty well," the El Cerrito senior said. Negishi was part of last year's ACCAL-champion doubles team. He was paired with Scott Phrasavath.

But this year's doubles champs came from Alameda. In fact, the finals match was an all-Hornets affair. Thai Tu and Eric Ramos defeated Matthew Elefant and Alex Chung 6-0, 6-2.

Alameda gets an automatic bid to the NCS team championships after winning the ACCAL with an 8-0 record in league matches.

Tommy Tu and Negishi came

into the tournament as the No. 1 and 2 seeds, respectively. Tu has gotten the best of Negishi three times this year.

After a first-round bye, Negishi beat Alameda's John Sedlak 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals. He reached the championship match after topping teammate Jeremy Williams 6-3, 6-1 in the semifinals.

Williams was a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Pinole Valley's Matthew Pacheco in the first round and beat No. 4 seed Thomas Logan of Berkeley 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

El Cerrito's Jake Pawid reached the singles semifinals, before falling to Tommy Tu.

Pawid, who was the No. 3 seed, had a first round bye.

He defeated Berkeley's Roger Leu 6-3, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

Leu started off with a 6-0, 6-0 win over De Anza's Jimmy Ly. In doubles matches, Berkeley's Sean Massih and Arik King made it to the semifinals, falling to Elefant and Chung 6-1, 6-2.

The No. 4 seed Berkeley squad started off with a 7-6 (5), 6-4 quarterfinals victory over Pinole Valley's Joban Sandhu and Brian Kerr.

Berkeley's Nate Simon and Sam Mansfield beat De Anza's Bee Nguyen and Herrick Hernandez 6-1, 6-2 in the first round of doubles play, but lost to the

eventual champions 6-0, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

El Cerrito's Eric Tsu and Nolan Kelly defeated No. 2 seeds Daniel Zamora and Sergio Romo of Encinal 6-4, 6-2 in the doubles quarterfinals.

Tsu and Kelly also beat Pinole Valley's Kevin Rapiedad and Jesse Sanchez 6-1, 6-2 in the first round.

The El Cerrito team's run ended in the semifinals after losing to Thai Tu and Ramos 6-1, 6-0.

El Cerrito's Phrasavath and Wesley Perry, the No. 3 doubles seeds, lost to Elefant and Chung 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

ON DECK

Prep baseball

■ Berkeley at Pinole Valley, 3:30 p.m. today — The Yellow Jackets will face a dangerous Spartans squad that beat Alameda and El Cerrito recently.

■ Salesian at St. Mary's, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers are only 1½ games behind Bay Shore Athletic League-leader Salesian at press time.

■ El Cerrito at Alameda, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — The Gauchos edged the Hornets 3-2 on April 15.

Prep softball

■ Pinole Valley at Berkeley, 3:30 p.m. today — The Yellow Jackets have their work out for them against a balanced Spartans team.

■ St. Mary's at Salesian, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers could

elevate their title hopes with a win over BSAL co-leader Salesian. St. Mary's is two games back at press time.

Prep boys golf

■ North Coast Section South Qualifier, 10 a.m. Monday at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club in El Cerrito — Berkeley's team and El Cerrito's Scott Leong will be competing, as well as St. Mary's team and Albany's Adam Barkow.

Prep swimming

■ Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships, 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Contra Costa College — Berkeley and El Cerrito can use this meet to achieve NCS qualifying times or tune up for the NCS meet.

■ BSAL championships, 2 p.m.

Saturday at Cunningham Pool, Vallejo — A chance for Albany and St. Mary's swimmers to achieve NCS qualifying times or improve their marks.

Prep track and field

■ ACCAL track and field trials, 1 p.m. Thursday at Hercules — The first step of the postseason for ACCAL teams such as Berkeley and El Cerrito.

■ BSAL track and field trials, 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Piedmont — St. Mary's and Albany athletes will attempt to qualify for the finals in track events two days later.

Stars of the week

■ Erik Howard, El Cerrito boys track and field — Howard finished second in the boys shot put at the Sacramento Meet of Champions with

a region-leading mark of 57-4. The mark ranks 11th all-time in the region.

■ Josh Cephas, Berkeley baseball — Cephas' two-run double in the seventh inning helped the Yellow Jackets come back to beat De Anza 7-6. Cephas was 2-for-3 with two RBI in the game.

■ Kyle Page, Albany baseball — Page was 3-for-3 with a triple, a run and RBI in the Cougars' 9-6 win over John Swett.

■ Gabriela Rios-Sotelo, St. Mary's girls track and field — Rios-Sotelo broke the school record in the girls 3,200 meters with a time of 10:42.62 at the Sacramento Meet of Champions. She finished fourth in the race, and the time ranks eighth all-time in the region.

ALBANY/BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS THROUGH MAY 1

Micro division

Autumn Press Stars vs. Jane Hammond Events Green Gators: Madeline Lawrence and Zelle Anner hit solid singles for the Green Gators, and Gator second baseman Talia Rogers played excellent defense. The Star bats of Rachel Barclay, Cara Chinn and Lee Labov boomed back. Infielder Georgia Seltzer scooped up a grounder, followed by third baseman Sydney Hersh's unassisted putout.

Autumn Press Stars vs. Andronico's Blue Jays: The Stars played a spirited game against the Blue Jays. Blue Jays Lucy Rosenthal, Raven Lemott and Jazmyyn Nevezar all had solid hits in the first inning. Star Sadie Murray did an excellent job fielding. Stars Amalya Panso, Hannah Murray and Eva Finley all made solid contact. Star Bonnie Coulman was the slugger for the day, hitting the ball far past third base.

Younger division

Five Little Monkeys Dementors 17, Friedman Brueggemeyer Cougars 12: The Cougars had a

strong start with annie hits from both Reyna Fa-Kaji and Annie Ward. Dementors seasoned defensive player Emma Steinheimer answered with two consecutive outs at third base. The final out for the inning was made by Dementor Emily Cain in a great play at home plate. The Dementors were impressive at the plate too, with a crushing line drive from Madeleine Barnum and several strong hits from Abbie Ulrick. Both teams displayed strong hitting and fielding, with Cougar Gemma Hunt making a perfect throw to first base for an out. Showing great speed, Dementor base runner Serena Witherspoon scored on a powerful hit by Claire Simpson. In the final inning, Cougars power hitter Makayla Miller smashed a line drive to bring home her team's final run.

On the Beam Leopards 14, Dr. Brehnan's Toothless Tigers 11: Both teams displayed fine defense in this fast-paced game, with Tigers Molly Cohen and Shannon Riggio-Kerley nabbing all three outs in the first inning. The Leopards struck back with an amazing double play by Sophia Emmons-Bell. Leopard Claire Ramer stopped a ball in the first for a force

out. Base runners were plentiful, with players like Leopard Hannah Herman — despite injury — showing hitting prowess and much energy. Tiger Jessica Reed hit a sneaky pop-up to advance the runners. Tigers Dayna Hubert and Ming Hom showed all-around skill with solid hitting and good defense. Leopards pitcher Imani Hiller-Bateau and catcher Talia Rossi helped lead the team to victory: Hiller-Bateau played good defense and, with the bases loaded, Rossi brought in additional RBI with a powerful hit up the middle.

Vivan Lopez Vipers 20, Zonta Zooming Zebras 7: Viper Alyssa Kurtz got a solid base hit to right field, made unassisted plays at first and second bases, and made a nice catch on a fly ball. Viper Sammie Chiang got two base hits down the third-base line. Viper DeJa Ingram got base hits past first and second bases, and another one up the middle off the tee with the bases loaded. Ingram also made an unassisted play at third base. Margot Friedman hit the ball out of the infield on a fly for a base hit. Friedman also made an unassisted play at first base, and as pitcher, threw to Viper Natalie

Burns at third base for an out. Burns got multiple RBI hits with the bases loaded. Sofia DiBenedetto caught a fly ball at third base for the third out with the bases loaded. Sailaja Varna had a base hit past third base. Varna also threw from the outfield to Chiang covering second base for an out. Sydney Sturgeon hit a ball out of the infield on a fly for a base hit. As pitcher, Sturgeon threw home to catcher Burns for an out to save a run.

Middle division

Arkin Tilt Terminators 3, Impact Fund Maximum Impact 0: The Terminators enjoyed their first victory behind some fine glove work. The Terminators' defense was on as Nina Magnussen threw to Monica Wiemels at first base for the first out of the game. Terminator pitcher Ashley LaRosa ended the inning with two strikeouts. In the second inning, Terminator Ava Bumell fielded the ball at first base for an out. On offense, Terminators Zoe Salnave-Crisostomo and Kenia Cobb each had powerful RBI singles, and Natalie Hahn brought in

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PREP ROUNDUP

Berkeley scratches out third place

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Berkeley High School boys golf team's third-place finish at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League tournament Monday at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club Monday was truly a collaborative effort.

Third place, which also determined a team berth to the North Coast Section South Qualifier, was decided with a tiebreaker. Both Berkeley and Pinole Valley had five-golfer scores of 464, but the Yellow Jackets' Nate Levin had a better sixth score (113) than Pinole Valley's Paul Thompson (117) to win the tiebreaker.

Alameda and De Anza had wrapped up team spots in the NCS South Qualifier by finishing first and second, respectively, in the ACCAL regular season. Berkeley, Pinole Valley and Hercules tied for third in the ACCAL regular season, causing the ACCAL Tournament to decide the league's final NCS South team qualifier.

On Monday, Alameda won the title with 429 strokes, five less than second-place De Anza.

Three golfers tied for the low score with 9-over 80. Berkeley's Philip Thorer was awarded medalist honors in a tiebreaker. Teammate John Hasse and De Anza's Josh Ortiz also shot 80.

Berkeley's other scorers were Andrew Moreno-Hunt (86), Sam Ingels (107) and Alex Van Brunt (111).

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LOCAL NOTEBOOK

From Munich to Berkeley golf champ

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

WHEN BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOLS Philip Thorer moved to Munich, Germany, to play golf.

His plan was to come here to finish high school and go to college, then I found out that they had a golf team and the athletic director (Kristin Schuch) told me I should go to the coach," the senior

Thorer, who started playing golf in 1997 in Austria, was awarded medalist honors in a tiebreaker at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League tournament on Monday. He tied for low score (9-over 80) with teammate John Hasse and De Anza's Josh Ortiz.

"I hit my drivers solid and my irons were great. But my putting was horrible," Thorer

Thorer, who speaks three languages fluently (English, German and Amharic), had never played the back nine at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club before Monday, but he was able to stay in contention. He finished the No. 5 hole.

The experience Monday will benefit for ACCAL golfers in the upcoming Monday's North Coast Section South Qualifier, which also will be held at Mira Vista. The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. "I know the wind conditions, where the pins are. I know what clubs to hit," Thorer

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LOCAL NOTEBOOK

Highlanders will have NCS playoff hopes

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

EVERY IF THE Bay Shore Athletic League high school softball standings show, fifth-place Piedmont will have a good chance of making for the North Coast Section 2A East Bay playoffs. This is because the top four teams in the league are all classified as Class A schools in the league. St. Patrick, Salesian, St. Mary's and St. Mary's are up the top four heading into Wednesday with St. Patrick and Salesian tied for fifth at 1-1. John Swett and St. Mary's were tied for third at 7-

Piedmont improved to 6-3 on Monday after topping St. Patrick on Monday. As long as the Highlanders can stay ahead of St. Patrick and Kennedy (the only two teams in the BSAL) it could stand a strong possibility of making one of 12 spots in the 2A East Bay playoffs.

The wrinkle is that teams that don't win league championships must have a winning record or a winning record to advance in their classification. Piedmont improved its overall after its win over Burns.

This year's goal is to make playoffs," Piedmont's 11th-year coach Lenny Parker said. "We have to have consistency and have fun."

Piedmont has made quite a turnaround since finishing 8-15 last year, including 8-10 in the playoffs.

They have nine returning players and got a pleasant surprise in freshman pitcher Sam Duffy, who is the team's

other teams in the league will have a more difficult time qualifying for the Class A playoffs, since there are only 12 spots. League champions will automatically qualify. ANYONE? Salesian's Shane Medina and Piedmont's Andrew Meyer and Salesian's Wasserman will represent the NCS in the singles and doubles tennis championships, beginning today at

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BRIEFS

Purple and White camps

Register for the Purple and White basketball camps to be held at Piedmont High School. Open to boys and girls. Three middle school sessions are 1-4 p.m. June 20-24, \$125; 1-6 p.m. July 5-8, \$165; 1-5 p.m. July 18-21, \$135. High school guard and big man development session 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 28-30, \$150. Fee includes T-shirt and written player evaluation. Register with Buzz Redford, Piedmont Recreation Department, 510-420-3074 or Coach Chris Lavdiotis, 510-433-2600.

Albany-Berkeley Sting tryouts

Albany-Berkeley Sting 16A fastpitch team is looking to add a shortstop to complete its summer tournament roster. Call Patrick Cousens, 510-526-9153.

Oakland Babe Ruth to host event

Oakland Babe Ruth League will host the Pitch, Hit & Run competition from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 at Greenman Field at Havenscourt Blvd. and International Blvd., Oakland. The competition is open to ages 7-14. For more information call 510-639-7792.

Jumpers R Us hosts basketball camp

Jumpers R Us and the Richmond Police Athletic League will host a youth basketball camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 20-24 at Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond. The camp is open to ages 6-16. The cost is \$150 and lunch is provided. For more information call 707-432-1467.

St. Mary's offers basketball camps

St. Mary's will host several summer youth basketball camps. The Randy Bennett camp is June 13-16; overnight camps July 3-7, July 10-14 or July 17-21. Call Lon Rork at 925-631-8268 or lrorck@stmarys-ca.edu for details and sign-up information.

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For questions, please call 510-748-1662 or 510-262-2738.

Tennis tournament offered in Berkeley

The Berkeley Athletic Fund and Berkeley Alumni Association will host a tennis tournament fund-raiser from 4:30 to 8 p.m. July 30 at Berkeley Tennis Club.

Mixed doubles and round robin will be offered. Games, prizes and raffle will also be offered as well as a barbecue at 7 p.m. The cost is \$75 for tennis and barbecue; \$25 for barbecue only; Children 12-and-younger are \$5 for the barbecue. There is a 40-player limit and players must sign up by July 1. Proceeds benefit Berkeley High School. For more information visit <http://www.berkeleyathleticfund.org/tennis05.html>.

Berkeley Cougars cheerleading to hold signups

The Berkeley Cougars Cheerleading will hold signups for ages 6-14 at Cheerfest, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 14 at San Pablo Park, 2800 Park St., Berkeley. For more information, call Nichelle at 510-776-8194 or Lois at 510-823-5768.

Bay Oaks Soccer Club offers tryouts

The Bay Oaks Soccer Club, which operates the Class I program for JLYSL, has been holding tryouts for boys and girls teams ages 15-19 at Merritt College and/or Alameda Point.

Any player from these clubs

or residing Oakland, Alameda and Piedmont are encouraged to try out for the Bay Oaks if they want to play at the Class I competitive level. Interested players should refer to the complete schedule of tryouts for specific times and locations on the Bay Oaks Web site: www.bayoaks.net.

Albany-Berkeley Soccer to hold registration

The Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club will hold walk-in registration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 5-18 on May 14 at Cornell School, 901 Cornell Ave. at Solano Ave., Albany. Returning players can sign up online but must do so before May 21. For more information call 510-528-4468 or visit www.abcsoccer.com.

Kennedy needs football coaches

Kennedy High School-Richmond needs three football coaches. It needs a head junior varsity football coach, an offensive line coach for varsity football, and a running backs coach for varsity football. For more information, call 510-853-9382.

Cal to host boys soccer camps

Cal men's soccer will host summer camps for boys. Advanced camp for ages 11-19 will be June 19-23, July 5-9 and July 17-21. Resident and commuter options available. Full day camp for ages 8-15 will be July 11-14, July 18-21 and Aug. 1-4. Half day camp for ages 5-10 will be June 20-24, July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5. Register online at www.calbears.com or call 510-643-9957.

USA Junior Olympic Baseball needs players

USA Junior Olympic baseball team is looking for players ages 14-16 with high school experience. USA baseball selects the 16U National Team. 2005 Summer Olympic tournament is June 17-25 in West Palm Beach, Fla. All players on the National Team will compete in the Pan American games. Javier Carrillo, 925-565-4450 or www.antiochsenators.com.

PREP BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Bishop O'Dowd	17-0	Dragons still rolling against hapless HAAL foes
2.	Amador Valley	16-1	Robbie Learned doing it all for the Dons
3.	Monte Vista	13-3-1	Mustangs tied for EBAL lead entering this week
4.	California	14-3	Grizzlies have first losing streak of the season
5.	De La Salle	13-4	Spartans turn three, get big Derek Wiley home run to top Clayton
6.	Miramonte	16-2	Maladors tied for DFAL lead entering this week
7.	Clayton Valley	14-4	Split with DLS slips through the Eagles' fingers
8.	Livermore	14-5	Cowboys notch first win over San Ramon Valley since 1996
9.	Campolindo	14-3	Cougars finally drop a DFAL game, rebound to beat Las Lomas
10.	El Cerrito	15-2	Gauchos fall to Pinole Valley, further confuse ACCAL race

Other receiving votes: Berean Christian (18-0). The prep baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Results are through Saturday.

PREP SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Freedom	14-4	Amanda Williams collects 22 strikeouts in 11-inning win over Antioch
2.	Foothill	14-3	Falcons shut out last four opponents entering this week
3.	Alameda	14-3	Entering this week, Hornets haven't allowed a run in their last 60 innings
4.	Monte Vista	13-3	Beats California in eight innings
5.	Newark Memorial	15-3	Results from last three MVAL games entering this week: Cougars 38, Oaks 30, Antioch 20
6.	Carondelet	13-3	Has May 10 showdown with Freedom
7.	San Ramon Valley	13-4	Jumps back into EBAL title race with 6-4 win over Livermore
8.	Livermore	14-5	Cowboys fall to San Ramon Valley in eight innings
9.	California	9-4	Grizzlies' three EBAL losses have been by a combined five runs
10.	Dublin	14-3	Gaels play error-free in 4-0 win over Concord

Other receiving votes: St. Patrick (14-0). The prep softball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools voted on by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Saturday.

ACCAL

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said, "I feel confident that I can probably play a little bit better."

Alameda won the team title Monday with 429 strokes, followed by De Anza (434) and Berkeley (464), which took third place on a tiebreaker. Alameda, De Anza and Berkeley will compete as teams at the NCS South Qualifier: Pinole Valley's John Miller and Alex Forristall and El Cerrito's Scott Leong advanced to the NCS South Qualifier as individuals.

TOP MARKS: El Cerrito's Erik Howard and Hercules' Jamesha Youngblood continued their outstanding track and

field seasons with impressive performances at the Sacramento Meet of Champions on Saturday.

Howard was second in the boys shot put with a personal record of 57 feet, 4 inches. Only Joey Baer of Woodland had a better mark in the competition (59-2).

Youngblood finished fourth in a top-notch girls triple jump field with a leap of 39-3/4. Defending state champion Brittany Daniels of Merrill West Tracy won the event Saturday with a mark of 41-10/16, followed by Ke'Nia Richardson of Holy Names (41-0) and James Logan's Deontee Kaye (40-11).

WATER WARS: The ACCAL

swimming championships will be held Saturday at Contra Costa College, and Alameda and Berkeley are expected to battle for both the girls and boys titles.

Also at stake is the last chance for individuals to earn an automatic time for the North Section championships on May 20 and 21.

The Hornets girls team won the last three titles, with Berkeley winning its first in its debut season in 2001. Alameda's boys team has won the past two titles by combined 493 points, including last season's 594-420 victory.

Staff writer Robert Jordan contributed to this notebook.

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El Cerrito finished sixth with 498 strokes. The Gauchos' Scott Leong (90) earned an individual spot in the NCS South Qualifier, as did Pinole Valley's John Miller (85) and Alex Forristall (90). Other El Cerrito scorers were Bryce Momono (98), Trevor Oda (99), Ahmad Dilliehunt (103) and Evan Oda (107).

Pinole Valley d. El Cerrito: The ACCAL match at Franklin Canyon Golf Course (par 36) on April 28 was tied 187-187 through the first four golfers for each team. To decide the match, the teams went to their fifth golfers as the tiebreaker.

To that end, Pinole Valley's Rob Williamson was one stroke better than El Cerrito's Dilliehunt, thus giving the Spartans the match. Williamson shot 50. Dilliehunt had a 51.

Leong was the day's medal winner with a round of 44 for El Cerrito (3-8 ACCAL).

Washington-Fremont 174, El Cerrito 182, Newark Memorial 225: Evan Oda paced the Gauchos with a score of 9-over 35 at Mira Vista on April 27.

BASEBALL

El Cerrito 3, Berkeley 1: Mario Hollands pitched a four-hitter and Marquis Evans scored a run and drove in a run for host El Cerrito (16-2, 7-1 ACCAL) in a pitchers' duel Monday. Berkeley's Michael Durant allowed only three hits in the loss. Berkeley fell to 9-8-1 overall and 6-2 in ACCAL action.

Berkeley 7, De Anza 6: Josh Cephas keyed a four-run seventh inning with a two-run double to help the Yellow Jackets come from behind to beat the visiting Dons at Evans Diamond on the Cal campus Friday.

Cephas' double tied the game at 6-6, and Jordan Riday-White won it, beating the throw home on Derek Wolf's grounder to short.

Berkeley had four of its nine hits in the last two innings. Durant hit a two-run homer in the third inning for his ninth of the year.

Pinole Valley 8, El Cerrito 3: The host Spartans (8-7, 4-3 ACCAL) scored seven runs in the bottom of the second inning to upset the Gauchos (15-2, 6-1) on Friday.

El Cerrito's Evans hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning.

St. Joseph Notre Dame 5, Mary's 3: Behind the five-hit pitching of Scott Camp, the Pilots halted St. Mary's five-game winning streak, winning a Bay Shore Athletic League makeup game in Berkeley on Saturday.

Spencer Winton slammed a triple and Kevin Cannon hit a double for the Panthers (11-5, 6-2 BSAL).

Albany 9, John Swett 6: The host Cougars (8-6, 6-3 BSAL) took an 8-1 lead after four innings on the way to the victory on April 27. Kyle Page was 3-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI, teammate Zach Babbitt was 2-for-2 with two runs and two RBI. Albany's Jason Bennett slammed a two-run home run in the fourth inning.

BOYS LACROSSE

Berkeley 12, Monte Vista 10: The host Yellow Jackets improved to 10-5 with a nonleague win Tuesday over the Mustangs.

The Yellow Jackets' Erik Lyeins led all scorers with three goals. Kyle Wilson, Danny Goldberg and Ben Hunt each scored two goals for Berkeley. Danny Seutz had three assists for the Yellow Jackets.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito d. Encinal: Robert Duffala had 16 kills and Ramon Herrera passed for 28 assists in the Gauchos' 25-20, 25-18, 25-21 ACCAL win over the Jets on Tuesday. The Gauchos improved to 17-6 overall and 9-0 in ACCAL action with the win. Encinal fell to 4-5 in league action.

BOYS SWIMMING

St. Mary's 68, St. Joseph Notre Dame 41: St. Mary's High School's Alex Cushing won two events and was part of two winning relays on April 28 to help lead the Panthers boys swim team to a Bay Shore Athletic League victory.

Cushing won the 100-yard freestyle in 50.25 seconds and the 100 backstroke in 59.25. Cushing joined Phillip Navo, Nik Block and Roland Jenkins to win the 200 medley relay in 1:53.91 and the 200 freestyle relay in 1:43.25.

The Panthers improved to 5-2 in Bay Shore Athletic League meets.

El Cerrito 92, Encinal 45: The Gauchos received individual wins from Calvin Chu, Bennet Ogura, Max Gonzales and Kellen O'Conner in the victory over the Jets on Friday. Chu won the 50 freestyle in 24.71, Ogura took first in the 100 butterfly (1:05.35), Gonzales was first in the 100 backstroke (1:14.18) and O'Conner won the 100 breaststroke (1:08.21).

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Sacramento Meet of Champions: El Cerrito's Erik Howard finished second in the shot put with a personal-record mark of 57 feet, 4 inches, on Saturday.

St. Mary's 81, Piedmont 50: The Panthers received victories from Justin Ross in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.8 seconds)

and 300 intermediate hurdles (42.0) as St. Mary's improved to 6-0 in BSAL action on April 28.

Robert Warren/Charlie Eaton Relays: The St. Mary's 800 relay team of Andre Huff, Adam Marvin, Brandon Harris and Gavin Yates won the event with a time of 1:31.07 at Alacanes on Friday.

GIRLS SWIMMING

St. Joseph Notre Dame 89, St. Mary's 86: The Panthers also fell to Holy Names 83-73, dropping to 2-6 in the BSAL. St. Mary's Kim Holland won two events on April 28 against St. Joseph and teamed with Elisse Larouche, Gabriella Bertero and Danielle Nance in winning the 200 freestyle relay against St. Joseph in 2:04.88. Holland also won the 200 freestyle against both squads in 2:28.59.

Encinal 95, El Cerrito 63: The Gauchos' Kathryn Alford won the 50 freestyle (29.61) and teammate Abra Landau won the 100 breaststroke (1:22.37) to highlight El Cerrito's performance Friday.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

St. Mary's 14, Kennedy 1: Nettie Hubbard was 2-for-4 with three RBI and Bijou Felder was 3-for-4 with two runs scored Monday in the visiting Panthers' victory over the Eagles in a five-inning game.

Berkeley 24, De Anza 0: The host Yellow Jackets (11-3, 6-2 ACCAL) received a one-hitter from Sarah Neuhaus and three hits and three RBI from Hannah Badal in the 2½-inning game Friday.

Berkeley 15, El Cerrito 0: Neuhaus hurled a no-hitter and Aurelia Cheng and Badal each had three hits to help lead the host Yellow Jackets to victory in a 2½-inning game on April 27.

John Swett 5, Albany 3: Leana Petri slammed a double, but the visiting Cougars had only four other hits in this league loss to the Indians on April 27.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Sacramento Meet of Champions: St. Mary's Gabriela Rios-Sotelo set a new school record in the 3,200 with a time of 10:42.62. She finished fourth in Saturday's race.

St. Mary's 75, Piedmont 61: The Panthers' Raminne Cromartie-Thornton won four events to help lift the Panthers to a win over the Highlanders on April 28.

Cromartie-Thornton won the 400 (1:01.7), 200 (25.4), long jump (17-6) and triple jump (33-9).

Robert Warren/Charlie Eaton Relays: Cromartie-Thornton won the 100 in 12.36 and the St. Mary's 400 relay team also took first (50.39) to highlight the Panthers' performance at Friday's invitational.

BSAL

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the Pleasanton Tennis Complex.

Medina qualified by winning the BSAL singles championship last week in Alameda. Meyer and Wasserman won the league doubles title. The players are seeded the morning of the first day of competition.

Piedmont qualified for the NCS team championships after winning the league title with an 8-0 record. An NCS seeding meeting on Sunday will deter-

mine the team brackets. The first round begins Tuesday at the higher-seeded teams' home courts.

FOREI: BSAL golfers will be well-represented Monday at the NCS South Qualifier at El Cerrito's Mira Vista Country Club.

Piedmont, St. Mary's and St. Joseph will send full squads to the event after placing in the top three in the league during the regular season. Albany and St. Patrick also will be represented as the Cougars' Adam Barkow was second at last week's league championships, and Bruins Stevan Peters and

Heedrin Bustamante also qualified as individuals.

HOPING TO MAKE A SPLASH: The BSAL swim championships are scheduled to start with trials today and finals Saturday at Cunningham Pool in Vallejo.

Saturday's finals are scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

ON TAP: Piedmont is scheduled to host the BSAL track and field championships on Thursday and Saturday at the Ter Field.

Thursday's trials are scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday's finals at 2 p.m.

Softball

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the final run of the game. Maximum Impact continue to hit well. Impactors Natalia Aldaco, Gabriela Steiner and Barbara McCray all had solid hits. Daria Taplin-Tugwell knocked a base hit down the third-base line in the fourth, outrunning the throw to first base. Alena Ennis' quick swings showed her talent at the plate. On defense, Impact pitchers Sasha Kramer, Jennie Olsson and Abigail Green held their own.

Berkeley Orthodoxists Wicked Wires 5, Red Oak Realty Rascals 0: After playing very well in a victory over the Terminators, the Rascals couldn't muster an offense to overcome a well-played game by the Wicked Wires.

The Wires' second-inning rally brought in four runs and the team never looked back. There were a few bright Rascal moments: Lena Nilsen struck out one batter and made a throw to Vita Romano for an out at first base in a scoreless first inning. Meg McCabe and Veronica Timpane hit hard singles in the bottom of the first. In the second, Romano made a nice play on a ground ball and got the last out with a throw to Jordan Baker at first base. The Rascals had hard hits by Katy Robinson, Camille Obata and Gillian Sweeney, who hit a hard single and wound up on third base after smart base running.

Nolo Piccinni Express 6, Alliance Graphics Playtupus 4: After a first-inning run by the Playtupus, the Pickle Express powered back in the second when Jenna Guffy crossed the plate on a base hit by Molly Greene. Ellis Garey's two-run single brought Molly

Greene and Cassidy Linden home. Mariana Campos-Seligman scored the final run of the inning on Sarah Essex's base hit. Continuing the strong hitting, Guffy doubled in the third and scored. Pickle pitcher Marielle Cohen showed great defensive skill, picking off two batters. Cohen also scored the final Pickle run in the fourth. The Playtupus battled back with three runs in the final inning to wrap up a hard-fought game.

Older division

Adobe Black Magic 10, Dart Vend Bumptious Bears 5: Magician Beatrice Weindel's smashed into the first inning drive in Annelise Finney for the first Black Magic run. In the second, Magician Valerie Dohrer fielded Lisa Gilliland's throw and snared a liner to hold Dart Vend scoreless. Magician Hanna Morris followed her dramatic slide at home with a terrific outing at catcher. Bear Camille Dyhr threw a bullet to nail a runner trying to steal home. Bear pitcher Marina Hunt struck out all six batters she faced, one with a change-up. Bear Christina Sechak stole second. Bear Camille Jackson ran fast around the bases. Jackson's highlight was her monster home run.

Sweet Potato Peeler 6, Tulip Hardwood Belt Sanders 4: After an early 6-1 Peeler lead, the Belt Sanders ended up in a classic pitching duel. Led by Belt Sanders pitchers Liah Hubbard and Elana Jacobs-Ponteconco, they limited the Peelers to two hits. Likewise, Peeler pitchers

Meagan Tokunaga and Flora Peeler with catching by Ellie Aron, held Belt Sanders to four hits. The Peeler had sharp hitting by Erin Diener, Erica Shellen, Wendy Ho, Forristall and Tokunaga. Clutch hitting by ers Riley, Tokunaga, and Sydney Knudsen extended their lead. The Belt Sanders' rally were Peeler's lead, closing the gap to 6-4. Leading the Belt Sanders offense: Sita Wong, Zoe Fidler and Emily, who stole home. A double by Peeler's Dickerhoff and Sydney Peeler ended the Belt Sanders rally. Suzanne Ho and Riley threw out runners at the plate to end another Belt Sanders threat. Belt Sanders' Kalia and Sonya Schoenberger's defense left a Peeler stranded at third. Belt Sanders Helen Masson's fine work first base kept the Peelers off the scoreboard in later innings.

Interleague

Counterforce Lightning 14, Belmont Magic 0: Lightning pitcher Adriana Stevens and Kelsey Murakami limited the Magic to three hits. Amanda Stevens singled to score a run and walked to plate. Lightning offense. Eden Compton, Zoe Scholz, each drew a pair of key successful rallies for the team over the final three innings. Storm defense at first by the Magic's Moy-Borgen helped slow the team's attack. Moy-Borgen also contributed a single, joining Morgan and Chrissy Lee, who contributed the Magic's other hits.

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THANDIE NEWTON and Matt Dillon are part of the ensemble cast of "Crash," Paul Haggis' directorial debut.

Heavy-handed tone tends to weigh on 'Crash'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

"Crash" aims to enlighten us about race relations in America, and as such, it is a noble effort — truthful, intelligent and likely to ignite many useful conversations.

It is also nearly crushed under the weight of its good intentions. A half-dozen story lines are interwoven by improbable coincidences, and its tone is so frantic, heavy-handed and apocalyptic as to suggest it takes place not on an ordinary day in greater Los Angeles, as writer/director Paul Haggis intended, but on some volcanic slope during a once-in-a-century eruption. It's not a slice of life, it's the whole pizza, hurled in our faces.

Haggis drops us into six plots within the film's opening minutes. A well-to-do white couple have just had their massive SUV carjacked by a pair of young black men (Larenz Tate and Ludacris, who handle their dialogue nicely enough to almost make you forget how much it sounds like "Pulp Fiction"). The high-strung wife (Sandra Bullock, refreshingly unconvictional) has had all her racial stereotypes reinforced, while the husband (Brendan Fraser) is most concerned about how public response to the incident will affect his next run for district attorney.

Don Cheadle plays an LAPD detective, Graham, investigating another crime entirely, the shooting of one police officer by another, undercover officer, both of whom could be "dirty" cops, one white, one black. Another cop, Officer Ryan (Matt Dillon), is a confirmed racist, and his young partner (Ryan Phillippe) knows it, hates it and can't do anything about it.

Officer Ryan is such a pig that he pulls over a pair of black yuppies in an SUV, even though he knows they don't fit the description of the carjacker. For sport, he humiliates both the wife (Thandie Newton) and her husband, entertainment executive Cameron (Terrence Dashon Howard).

Rounding out this group is a convenience-store owner, Farhad (Shaun Toub), who lives in fear of being robbed or attacked for being "Arab," even though he's not. His hostility is focused on a sweet Latino locksmith, Daniel (Michael Pena), who has the misfortune of having both the whacked-out Farhad and the whacked-out Jean (Bullock's character) as customers in one night.

As the movie goes on, all these characters turn out to have links to each other, in the style of "Magnolia" or "Traffic," although these connections never feel organic or earned, but rather contrived. The last link, involving Phillippe's character handling a bad situation in a worse way, rings particularly false.

Rather than have everyone bumping up against each other in a way that makes L.A. seem like Mayberry, Haggis could have just let the common connection between all these characters be their disdain for people of other colors. Aside from a couple of saintly characters (Daniel and his young daughter), almost everyone is filled with rage stemming from racial slights, perceived or otherwise, or from fear of anyone who doesn't look like them.

Even Cheadle, so often the cool voice of reason in whatever movie he's in, isn't immune to this anger. "I'm having sex with a white woman, Ma," he tells his

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Crash"
- **STARRING:** Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon, Ludacris, Thandie Newton, Ryan Phillippe, Larenz Tate
- **RATING:** R (language, sexual content, some language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 40 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** B-

drug-addicted mother when she calls to ask him to look for his wayward younger brother in the middle of the night.

The woman in question (Jennifer Esposito) rises from his bed in righteous indignation and reminds him that she's not white, or Mexican, but rather a blend of Central American and Puerto Rican parents. His response is withering: "How is that all of you, from all these different countries, all learn to park your cars on your lawns the same way?"

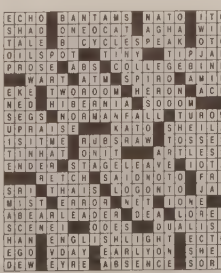
The entire script is filled with this kind of unflinching honesty, and it's enough to make you despair, because you know this kind of racism does exist. But Haggis focuses too much on undercurrents and not enough on real life. If "Crash" represented the truth about America — white, yellow, black and brown at each other's throats constantly — events like the Rodney King riots would happen weekly, instead of generations apart.

This is Haggis' debut as a director, but he comes to it well-versed on serious subject matter; he wrote the screenplay for the much-lauded Oscar-winning "Million Dollar Baby." That movie had Clint Eastwood's restraint on its side; this one suffers in contrast from Haggis' overenthusiasm. He comes at us like a professor who thinks we've been shirking our reading duties all semester and now, in the last two hours before finals, is determined to make us catch up, to ram the CliffNotes down our gullets if he has to. He doesn't give his audience enough credit for already being alive and aware.

That said, "Crash" is worth seeing, even as it frustrates by falling short of its lofty goals. The ensemble acting is very good, with particularly strong work by Cheadle, Dillon and Newton.

And there are a few powerful scenes that take your breath away, including an astonishingly tense few minutes between Dillon and Newton. Haggis shows us, through these two very different characters, how crisis can bring out the worst in us in some circumstances, and in others, the best.

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busting in and trying to steal the encryption gadget from the PG. 1 hour, 31 minutes. D

"ROBOTS": A kids' movie about robots, entirely generated by computer. Where's the humanity? Well, it surfaces too often in the form of crude, adult-oriented humor and violence. That's unfortunate, because the underlying themes (preservation, the vagaries of capitalism) are so clever and worthy. Boy robot from a blue-collar family (voiced by Ewan McGregor) hopes to go to work for his hero, a famous inventor. He discovers the inventor has been given a golden parachute and the new CEO has nefarious plans to stop manufacturing replacement parts for old robots. — M. Pols. (PG: some brief language and suggestive humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C+

"SAHARA": A bloated, wannabe Indiana Jones-style action flick, starring Matthew McConaughey as explorer Dirk Pitt (the subject of author Clive Cussler's best-selling series). His quest for a lost Civil War ship overlaps with a beautiful scientist's (Penelope Cruz) investigation into a possible plague in Africa. Go figure. McConaughey is no Harrison Ford — he's a pretty but limp hero — and the movie is too long, but as imitations go, it isn't all bad. With Steve Zahn providing his usual comic relief. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. C+

"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting that you can't turn away, even when all that's happening on-screen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all, serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"THE UPSIDE OF ANGER": A mean-spirited tale of a middle-aged woman (Joan Allen) deserted by her longtime husband, leaving her with four daughters, a bottomless bottle of gin and a major case of rage. Written by Mike Binder as a valentine to the always magnificent Allen, but he seems to have a better grip on his male characters than his women. The real

love letter is to Kevin Costner, who plays her rumpled new love interest and does his best work in years. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual situations, brief comic violence, some drug use.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

"XXX: STATE OF THE UNION": Ice Cube fills in for Vin Diesel in the next installment of the "XXX" franchise about a National Security Agency program that recruits the baddest of bad boys for the baddest of assignments. It's as preposterous as the

and outrageously combustible 2002 original, so action fans will come away with their fire-and-stone quotient well-sated. Samuel L. Jackson reprises his role as the in charge of XXX headquarters, while Willem Dafoe is a traitor intent on taking over the presidency. — D. Gorman. (R: sequences of intense violence, some language.) 1 hour, 10 minutes. C-

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'Manzanar' a difficult piece to categorize

By Keith Gleason
CORRESPONDENT

The lead composer and or-
chestrator for "Manzanar" is
Japanese-born Naomi Sekiya,
who brought her award-winning
composition skills to the project.
Last season, Nagano chose her
as the first composer-in-resi-
dence in the history of the
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra.

"I have written other vocal
pieces, but never in this long
form. Manzanar is 60 minutes
long and has three composers,"
said Sekiya. The three com-
posers divided up the three sec-
tions. Sekiya composed Part I
and Part III, while Jean-Pascal
Beintus, David Benoit and
Sekiya all composed Part II.

"My parts are very dark and
deep," she said. "The two other
composers write very diatoni-
cally. It's very lovely, very won-
derful music. So, it's a good con-
trast between me writing sort of

chromatic, dark music, and their
diatonic, very lovely music."

"Some people suggested I
use Japanese instruments, but I
said 'no' because it's not a
Japanese story. I wanted it to be
universal," said Sekiya.

Sekiya said everyone in the
project wanted children involved
in it, but she found it difficult to
write choral music for children
since she had only composed for
adult voices before. "I actually
rewrote the piece. The first ver-
sion was probably too difficult
for kids. So I rewrote it and
made it a little easier and more
accessible," she said.

"Manzanar" is a difficult
piece of music to categorize.

"We have to call it an orato-
rio. Other than that, there's no
category like this before. It's not
opera because it's not staged.
It's not musical theater. The
closest form is oratorio, actually.
We have a chorus, we have nar-

rators, and we have some ac-
tors," said Sekiya.

Sekiya has worked on the
piece for about a year and a
half, but not even the process of
its composition was familiar to
her. "It's kind of a strange way
of working because usually,
when a composer works on mu-
sical theater or opera, there's al-
ready a libretto written. But, my
case was a little different be-
cause when I was composing,
Philip was also writing his
script."

"We did have the outline for
this piece. Philip already had the
idea of how this piece would
come together with sections,"
she said. Part I explores the ear-
liest immigration and settlement
of Japanese people in America
up to Pearl Harbor. Part II shifts
to the war and the life in the in-
ternment camps, while Part III
covers the post-war period up to
today.

Sekiya, who also orches-
trated the work, had to reduce
its scale for logistical reasons.
"It was very challenging because
I like to use a large percussion
set for orchestra. But because
Royce Hall's stage is very lim-
ited, Kent asked me to reduce
my percussion set. So, instead
of four percussionists, we are
only using two."

Sekiya only completed the
score in mid-April, and it was
sent to Nagano in Europe sev-
eral days later. While demo CDs
were made from early BSO re-
hearsals, the entire piece hasn't
been rehearsed together until
the past two weeks, so Sekiya
is excited but also nervous as
the debut approaches.

"This is such a collaborative
work. It's very exciting," said
Sekiya. "At the same time, I'm
a little worried how the piece
will come together."

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much his brainchild," said
Gotanda. "More than anything,
it was a matter of listening to
things he directed me to, includ-
ing the original 'Peter and the
Wolf' and his own version of it."

He worked closely with
Nagano on the text and the mu-
sicians on getting the text and
music to go together. A writer
who's also been a rock 'n' roll
musician, he was intrigued by the
musical aspect. "It's very much
a different world than theater
and film," he said.

The world premiere of the

piece will take place on May 7 at
UC Santa Cruz, and will be fol-
lowed by performances on
May 10 in Berkeley and June 2
at UCLA's Royce Hall. Nagano
will conduct all three perfor-
mances.

The San Francisco Girls Chor-
us will perform the piece with
the Berkeley Symphony Or-

chestra in Berkeley and Santa
Cruz. In Los Angeles, where
Manzanar will be performed on
June 2 at UCLA's Royce Hall,
The American Youth Symphony
and the Manzanar Youth Choir
will perform along side The
Santa Monica College Chamber
Choir.

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On DVDs

Some sequels worth renting

HOLLYWOOD loves making sequels of popular films, and for DVD renters confronted with hundreds of different titles at the store, grabbing a sequel can present a familiar, safe choice. You liked the first one, so how bad can the sequel be? The answer lies below with a look at a current crop of sequels recently released on DVD.

"Ocean's 12"

George Clooney heads an all-star cast of likeable thieves in this "Ocean's 11" sequel. The plot — a gang of suave, master criminals reassemble to pull off more heists — covers no new ground, but that doesn't matter much. The DVD is clever, fun and moves briskly. There are moments when suspending disbelief is necessary, but if you can, you're in for a treat. The filmmakers succeed in replicating the cool, stylized Rat Pack feel of the original, 1960 "Ocean's 11" with Frank Sinatra. If you like a good cops-and-robbers movie, look no further. The violence and language are tame enough for kids over 10. (PG-13: language). 2 hours and 5 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 2 stars

Teens: 3 stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 2 1/2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes. Just as good as the original.

"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"

Renee Zellweger reprises her role as the endearing diarist caught in a London-based love triangle between Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. Like the first "Bridget Jones," the sequel is a bit melodramatic, but the earnest comedy comes through. Grant is at his rakish and witty best — I only wish there was more of him in the film. It is also good to see the full-figured Zellweger treated as a sex symbol — an extreme rarity for Hollywood, where having a dress size with negative numbers is a prerequisite for stardom. The language and sex-crazed characters make the DVD off-limits for kids under 15 and may be a minus for some seniors. (R: language and sex). 1 hour and 48 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2 1/2 stars

Kids: 1 1/2 stars

Teens: 2 1/2 stars

Adults: 2 1/2 stars

Seniors: 2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes. Not as funny as the original, but still suitable for an adult date night.

"Elektra"

Based on the popular Marvel comic book series and spun off from the celluloid train wreck that was "Daredevil," "Elektra" is a film that takes itself way too seriously. Jennifer Garner plays Elektra, an assassin who turns over a new leaf to protect a teenage girl from a supernatural crime syndicate. Unimaginative special effects, ho-hum action scenes and a predictable plot make this a wholly forgettable film. The body count here is very high and the child-in-peril theme will be disturbing for anyone under 15. (PG-13: action violence). 1 hour and 36 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 1 star

Kids: 1/2 star

Teens: 2 1/2 stars

Adults: 1 star

Seniors: 1/2 star

Should you rent it? No. Better than the original, but still a "teens only" DVD.

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Zellerbach hosts 'Manzanar'

■ The musical performance combines history, art and politics that deals with internment of Japanese-Americans

By Keith Gleason
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Over the past 26 years, Music Director Kent Nagano has never shied away from commissioning new works and performing modern music with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra. In fact, he and the orchestra have become known for it. Some hate the thorny, modern music and other loyal subscribers enjoy it. But however provocative he's been musically, Nagano has never mixed music and politics until now.

But with "Manzanar: An American Story," which will debut May 10 at Zellerbach Hall, Nagano will combine history, art and politics in a musical piece that will grapple with the relocation and internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II and reflect on the progress of liberty in today's America.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the United States entered World War II after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. At that time, nearly 113,000 people of Japanese ancestry — two-thirds of them American citizens — were living in California, Washington and Oregon. Three months after the attack, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the executive order empowering the U.S. Army to remove Japanese-Americans from the West Coast since they were seen as a threat to the nation's security.

The government's removal of 120,000 innocent Japanese-American citizens and resident Japanese aliens for three years from their homes on the West Coast to 10 internment camps across the country was the largest single forced relocation in U.S. history.

The best known of the camps was Manzanar, located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada, in Owens Valley. Its fame derives mostly from the 1973 memoir, "Farewell to Manzanar," by James and Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, which recounts the internment experience from a child's perspective.

In 2000, at the request of Gov. Gray Davis, California State Librarian Kevin Starr implemented the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, which funds public education activities to ensure that the plight of Japanese-Americans during the war would be remembered and the causes understood.

Starr envisioned a performing arts piece as the cornerstone of the program. He asked if Nagano would oversee the creation of a work, and Nagano readily accepted the challenge — partially for personal reasons.

"After immigrating to United States and working hard to establish themselves, many Issei and Nisei families, including my mother's family, lost everything they owned — their farms, businesses, homes and belongings — when President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066," said Nagano.

"Though I was born after the second World War, I grew up with an awareness of how the in-



SAN FRANCISCO playwright and filmmaker Philip Kan Gotanda wrote the libretto for and will direct "Manzanar: An American Story," a musical piece that combines history, art and politics.

ternment camp experience affected my parents and relatives, and it shaped me."

Nagano said the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America changed and reinforced the purpose of the piece, when many openly called for the arrest of citizens and people of Arab descent as an environment of fear and xenophobia took over the country.

"The piece is a commemoration but also a warning," said Nagano. "Did the nation learn from the mistakes it made 60 years ago? Are we now capable of finding the right balance between civil liberties and the desire among all of us to be secure?" he asked.

Nagano called upon award-winning San Francisco playwright and filmmaker Philip Kan Gotanda to write the libretto and direct the piece, which was different than anything Gotanda had done before.

Gotanda has brought stories of Asian-American families to worldwide and Bay Area audiences, including the Berkeley Repertory Company. One of his

three films, "Life Tastes Good," can currently be seen on the Independent Film Channel.

Gotanda's own parents and extended family were in the internment camps.

"I've been writing about this topic off and on for almost 30 years now, so I was able to draw upon all the sources I've had over the years. At the same time, I was trying to fashion a piece that was in keeping with what Maestro Nagano wanted, which was a piece that had historical grounding but was also abstract to some degree, and more poetic than literal. And that was part of the challenge," said Gotanda.

Gotanda stuck a balance between historical events and the abstract ideas by using two narrators and four readers. "The narrators cover historical pronouncements and the readers are allowed to play characters to make the scenes much more intimate and personalize them," he said.

"Early on, Kent was the main person I talked to. This is very

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IF YOU GO

WHO: Berkeley Symphony Orchestra with the San Francisco Girls Chorus and narrators Dale Minami, Wendy Tokuda, Pat Suzuki, Rajiv Shah, and Sab Shimono

WHAT: "Manzanar: An American Story." Also on the program: Charles Ives' "Unanswered Question," Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Fidelio," Act II Introduction, Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Leonore," Overture No.3

WHERE: Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday

HOW MUCH: \$49, \$35, \$22

\$10 student rush tickets available one hour before the concert.

INFORMATION: 510-841-2800 or www.berkeleysymphony.org

ALSO: Works of art related to the internment camps will be on display in the Zellerbach lobby. A pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. will include two internment camp survivors, Bess Kawachi Chinn and George Yoshida, both of whom live in Berkeley.

Cal Perf's season full of reasons to celebrate

By Sue Gilmore
STAFF WRITER

CALIFORNIA Performances hits the big century mark with its 2005-06 season, announced Tuesday in Berkeley; and the partying will go on all concert-year long, with such high-octane celebrants as mezzo-sopranos Cecilia Bartoli and Anne Sofie von Otter, soprano Deborah Voigt, comedian John Cleese and a double bill featuring jazz greats Ramsey Lewis and Dave Brubeck.

Adding frosting to the cake for the nonstop birthday party is the happy coincidence of several other milestones observed during the new season — singer Arlo Guthrie will be serving up anything you want, for instance, at the 40th anniversary celebration of "Alice's Restaurant." That landmark work of the '60s will be performed in full Oct. 30 with Guthrie's son Abe on keyboard duty.

Other signposts include the



SOPRANO DEBORAH VOIGT will be appearing as part of Cal Performances' 2005-06 season.

marking of Cal Performances director Robert Cole's 20th year with the organization; the celebration by the Brentano String Quartet of the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth; an all-Russian program from the renowned

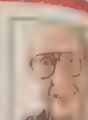
Borodin Quartet, celebrating its 60th anniversary; the observance of longtime Cal Performances collaborator Mark Morris' 25th year with his dance group; and performances by Ravi Shankar and the aforementioned Brubeck in their 85th birthday years and the young bright star violinist Hilary Hahn, who is turning 25.

Bartoli, one of the most sought-after mezzo-sopranos in the world, returns to Zellerbach Hall on Oct. 6, appearing with the Zurich Orchestra La Scintilla on one of three Special Events programs for the new season. The others are the Sept. 22-24 performances of the Mark Morris Dance Group, featuring the commissioned world premiere of a work set to Stravinsky's "Serenade for Piano in A major"; and the Oct. 12-16 performances of the Tchaikovsky/Petipa ballet "Sleeping Beauty" by the world-famous Kirov Ballet and Orchestra of the Maryinsky Theater.

In all, some 70 programs will take place in five performance venues, including a Zellerbach Hall completely refurbished with new seating. The season starts Sept. 14 with Mexico's Horacio Franco's program of early music for the recorder in Wheeler Hall, and concludes May 7, 2006, in Zellerbach Hall with a joint star concert with the celebrated Shankar and his daughter, Anoushka.

Subscriptions to the new season, available in discount packages in nine separate discipline categories, go on sale May 12, ranging in price from \$50 to \$375. There is also a "Choose-Your-Own" series option, offering six or more events at a 10 percent discount from single-ticket prices, and a four-program Family Fare series, discounted at 15 percent for adults and 50 percent for ages 16 and under.

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JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

Premiere comes to Pt. Richmond

LIKE A FRISKY, sibling of an older unit at the Envision project in Point Richmond, the new unit at the Envision project in Point Richmond is a small-scale, shake-up, overlooked work.

But a world premiere is happening. Hold the ha-ha's, folks.

For three performances on May 13, 14 and 15, the Envision project is presenting the world premiere of "Memorial Day" by Francis Hamit. The playwright, a journalist and graduate of the Iowa Playwriting Workshop, mailed his manuscript to the Masquers (along with missions to many regional theaters across the country) and it will unveil it first.

Hamit will be presenting & A sessions following the performance.

Each of the play's characters is a veteran of a U.S. conflict. The principal actor is Dewey Slocum, who runs a bar in a small town, won a Congressional Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War (which Hamit served). The play embarrasses him and for he has refused to take part in the annual Memorial Day parade.

"This play is not an 'anti-war' as it is 'pro-war,'" Hamit wrote in his overview. "The play is a meditation on what the term 'hero' means and how our society treats soldiers who fight its wars."

"Memorial Day" is directed by Betty Baker Binder. Performances are at 8 p.m. May 14 and 2:30 p.m. May 15. Tickets are \$10. Call 510-232-4011.

UNVEILING A SECRET: Take it from Clive Chafer of TheatreFirst: The knowledge of the British atrocity scene is an enormous treasure — as is the director himself — "Robert Holman, the best-kept secret in the British theater."

But not for long. Chafer's company are mounting a man's triptych, "Making Quietly," for its Bay Area premiere at Mills College. The three-play production premieres at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, and opens next day for a Thursday-through-Sunday run through June 5. Chafer and Erin Gilley are directing.

The plays, written by Holman, are about the long-range impact of war. But they are, Chafer says, "... Not plays about the rattle of machine-gun fire, the thud of mortar bombs, the closest we get to battle or the sound of misdirected fire, the bombs crashing into the rural England in the first 'Being Friends,' set in 1941. "Lost," the second play, set during the largely forgotten and widely unpopular Malaya War in 1942. It deals with the knock on the door every soldier's and sailor's mother dreams.

The title piece, "Making Noise Quietly," set in the Forest in 1986, brings together German businesswoman and Holocaust survivor and a British soldier and his autistic 8-year-old stepson. As she tries to help him and the boy, she discovers both the magnitude of her strength and the behind her motivation to conquer the child's wilderness.

The plays contain nudity and strong language. Thursday-Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. at 3 p.m. Preview tickets for Thursday and Sunday are \$22. Seniors, students and TBA members get \$3 off. All other tickets are \$10. Pay half price. Finally, the play is free for all. Theatrical holdouts, Thursday, May 14, pay-what-you-can.

"Making Noise Quietly" in Lissner Hall on the Mills College campus, 5000 MacArthur Blvd. (at Highway 580), Oakland. Call 510-436-5083 for tickets and information.

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Section D

New refined Range Rovers have safety, security, comfort and convenience

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Range Rover, the king of sport utility vehicles, is now wearing two new crowns for 2005. One is a naturally aspirated engine, the other is a supercharged engine.

The base price for the naturally aspirated engine is \$74,950 and the supercharged engine goes for \$89,950. Of that \$15,000 difference includes accommodations that just a power window. Even its exterior appointments are more attractive eye-appeal. In either case, the Range Rover SUV is king of the

With the fresh exterior changes, the unmistakable Range Rover design is still there. Although the body is not quite as boxy in past years, it still retains its practical appearance, but both vehicles have a new front bumper design, new taillamps, a new front grille and 19-inch alloy wheels. And the supercharged model goes a step further with distinctive mesh-design front grille and sits on 20-inch alloy wheels.

Both SUVs are quite powerful, but the supercharged engine goes a step beyond. Acceleration is downright exciting. I'm told 0-to-60 mph in about 7 seconds. Outstanding for a vehicle that weighs almost 6,000 pounds.

An opportunity to drive both these vehicles over very rough, winding, hilly roads was delighted with the ease of the responsive steering. I felt quite sure both these vehicles have full-time four-wheel drive, plus four-wheel traction control. But the most outstanding improvement is in the area of Noise, Vibration and Harshness. The interior is exceptional for an SUV, even back in the front seats and beyond. The ride is smooth and there are no jolts while riding on rough roads.

The drive didn't include any genuine excitement, but from past experience, I know the SUV that can descend a steep slope with the sure-footed security of a Range Rover (other than the big, bad, Range Rover), if I wanted to wade through the mud, I could have gone in deep as 19



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inches. As for towing, either vehicle can pull a braked trailer weighing up to 7,716 pounds.

That's enough of the mechanicals, let's get to the good stuff: safety, security, comfort and convenience. The new Range Rovers have all-terrain dynamic stability control, hill descent control, anti-roll bars front and rear, eight airbags, side impact beams, crumple zones, automatic headlights, front and rear fog lamps, and more.

As for security, they have central locking, keyless entry, power windows, sunroof and each is equipped with an audible warning for both front and rear parking distance.

In the area of quality and comfort, these SUVs have three-zone climate control systems with pollen filters that have controls mounted on the steering wheels. I had great road visibility from the driver's seat,

RANGE ROVER

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger four-door full-time 4WD
Suggested Retail	\$74,950 (NA)*
Price as Tested	\$89,950 (SC)*
Engine Type	V-8 32-valve w/SPFI
Horsepower	400 at 5,750 rpm
Torque	420 at 3,500 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	113 inches
Height	75 inches
Curb Weight	5,637 pounds
Fuel Capacity	27 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 13/18

which operates with 12-way power. The front passenger seat has 10-way power, plus inflatable lumbar and armrest. The Range Rover also has a tilt-and-slide sunroof with sunshade and the side glass has a deep tint. But what's most impressive is the overall interior quality with such things

as leather seats, electronic message center, navigational system plus a harman/kardon sound system with 14 speakers. It even has speed-sensitive volume control. Everything about either of these vehicles is "top-shelf quality" all the way. And they're easy to park.

BOTH SUVs ARE QUITE POWERFUL, but the supercharged engine goes a step beyond. Acceleration is downright exciting — 0-to-60 mph in about seven seconds. That's outstanding for a vehicle that weighs almost 6,000 pounds.

When you take into consideration all that the 2006 models offer, it's understandable why I consider the Range Rover as the king of the mountain.

*NA = naturally aspirated engine
*SC = supercharged engine

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Grandma's 1972 Ford LTD left in good hands

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

John Elliott was fresh out of high school late in 1972 when he, and all the rest of the family, attended his grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary in Lafayette, La. During the grand event his grandfather, William Curley, presented to his wife, Wilma, a brand new 1972 Ford LTD four-door sedan.

Curley had purchased the car on Nov. 4, 1971. He faithfully maintained the car until he died in 1975. Thereafter his widow had only experienced mechanics follow the recommended maintenance schedule.

The 4,189-pound Ford, one of 104,167 such models manufactured that year, was painted Bright Green Gold, a color that was popular at the time and the vinyl seats matched the paint. The base price was \$3,890. Elliott's grandparents always parked their Ford under cover.

When his grandmother died in 1986, no one wanted the 14-year-old car. "I certainly did not have my eye on a 14-year-old car, but when asked if I wanted the car, the price was right (free), so I thought, 'Why not?'" Elliott reports the car had been driven only 52,000 miles at the time when he took it home to Houston.

"Grandma seldom drove the car," Elliott says. "Once a week she would have to go to the grocery store." When he received the Ford, he had

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a company car for daily use, which meant that the Ford went into the garage for several years.

In 1992, he pulled it out of storage and gave the car some attention. "The interior was still immaculate, needing no restoration," Elliott recalls. "I found that working on the car was fun and helped relieve stress from a busy work week. The carburetor, gaskets, muffler, spark plugs and wires, tires, battery, water pump heater coil and air conditioning compressor were replaced," Elliott says. "The car ran great, and I began to enjoy driving the car around on the weekends," he says.

Along about this time the well-preserved Ford acquired an unfortunate nickname — "The Slime." With the Ford in sound mechanical condition, it was time to spruce up the outside. Elliott's wife, Marilyn, had never been fond of the color of "The Slime," and wanted to repaint it any color but the original. "I had heard that keeping an old car its original color made the car more valuable," Elliott says. The car now looks as good as it did that November day in 1971 when Elliott's grandfather bought it.

"Like Cinderella, who was dressed in beautiful clothes for the



JOHN ELLIOTT HOPES that future generations in the family will also appreciate his grandma's Ford LTD.

ball, the new Bright Green Gold paint turned "The Slime" into a beautiful princess," Elliott says. The front bumper was replated with chrome, but the rest of the brightwork on the car simply needed a good buffing.

"I like to drive it at least twice a week to work on the west side of Houston," Elliott says. After it was repainted, the happy owner reports seeing people in parking lots and at intersections turn their heads to look at his car. Even Mar-

ilyn began to see how much fun it was riding around in the LTD, he says. The LTD, on a 121-inch wheelbase, is somewhat less than nimble, taking 45.3 feet to turn around. The Elliotts have entered the car in shows.

Thinking he might sell his solid Ford in order to buy a 1960s convertible, Elliott posted a "For Sale" sign in the window. "I grew fearful," he says, "that someone might actually purchase it. I am not sure why, but I felt like it would be a

mistake to part with it." The "For Sale" sign quickly came down.

"I know that for the money I will never find a car that old with absolutely no rust and flawless interior," Elliott says. "When I told my wife that I was unsure whether we should sell it, she confessed that she thought we should keep it."

The big 351-cubic-inch V8 developing 190 horsepower has powered the 18.2-foot-long Ford more than 73,000 miles and is still running strong. "I burn premium

gas," Elliott says, "and it delivers 12 to 13 miles per gallon on the highway."

"Grandma's 1972 Ford lived perfectly intact through 25 years that every day goes through when cars are desired as they were when they were new," Elliott says. He hopes that future generations in the family will appreciate his grandma's car.

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Use 0W-30 synthetic oil only in cold climates

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: Please help us resolve a difference in opinion in our home. We own a 1999 Plymouth Voyager with 66,756 miles. We are in our 70s and my husband no longer drives. I use the van for mostly supermarket and doctors visits. My son, who lives in Denver, says to switch to 0W-30 engine synthetic oil and synthetic transmission fluid. I bought the oils in Denver and had them shipped here in Florida. I took the fluids to the dealer and they refused to install them. I tried the local repair shop and they would not use the fluids. My son now is upset with us for not finding a shop to change the fluids. He says the synthetic fluids will give me a lot better fuel mileage. What should we do? — Marjorie

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Dear Marjorie: The new 0W-30 synthetic oil is for cold climate use. It is not intended for use in the warm states. 5W-30 synthetic engine oil can be used in 99 percent of all climates. The 0W-30 should only be used in very cold climates, during the very cold months. In New England where I live, 5W-30 synthetic is perfect year round in 99 percent of the vehicles. As for the transmission fluid, especially on Chrysler vehicles, use only Chrysler transmission fluid or an equivalent that meets Chrysler specs. I would send the fluids you bought back to your son.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Ford Ranger 3.0-liter V6 engine with a five-speed manual transmission,

which I purchased new. Current mileage is 150,000 miles. Recently, the engine developed a ping under even a light load. When I use premium gas the ping is gone. What is the reason for the ping? — Lloyd

Dear Lloyd: Engine ping is caused by gasoline exploding (not burning) in the combustion chamber. The reasons for gas exploding are as follows: ignition timing too far advanced, engine temperature too hot, low or no EGR flow, poor injector fuel spray pattern, and low fuel octane. The most common cause of engine ping is EGR-related problems. I have seen many cases of partly blocked and poor fuel spray problems on both 3.0- and 4.0-liter Ford engines, as well as some 3.8-liter engines.

Dear Doctor: I own a Cadillac DeVille. When I fill the gas tank, the gas gauge needle always moves

back and forth. I cannot tell how much gas is in the car. — Judy

Dear Judy: The most common cause of a fluctuating gas gauge is a faulty float unit in the gas tank. The small float or the resistance unit wears out.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Buick LaSabre with 145,000 miles. It has been an outstanding car. But now the problem is occasionally the front parking light and rear tail lights will stay on for about five minutes after I have turned off the lights. It has been difficult to diagnose since it happens so infrequently. — Rebecca

Dear Rebecca: If your car is equipped with any type of aftermarket alarm or remote starter, that would be the first place to look. If your car has automatic lights with a time-delay, that could be another cause. If the car has none of the

above, look at the headlight switch. The switch will heat up when the headlights are on and can cause the parking light side of the switch to stay on, until it cools down.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Lexus ES 300. Recently, both front seat heaters stopped working. I traced the power to the seat heater connections at both seats. I went to the dealer and they said both heaters were bad and needed replacement at a cost of \$500 each. It gets cold in New York during the winter and the seat heaters are great. Is there a way to replace the seat heaters for less money? — Rudy

Dear Rudy: Aftermarket seat heaters available. Check with the local upholstery or sunroof installer. The aftermarket seat heater should be a simple installation. Cost should be about \$400 for both seats.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Buick with 50,000 miles. The car runs great. My only problem is the ABS light comes on when it rains

or the roads are wet. My mechanic estimated it would cost \$500 to place some wiring. On dry roads the light never comes on. I am old and wonder if I need to be repaired to be safe. Is there danger of driving with the ABS on? — Manny

Dear Manny: When the light is on, the anti-lock system, AKA ABS system, is not working. The brake system operation without the ABS could be safe. The system will work the same manner as a car without ABS. As for \$500 for wiring, the common problem I find in car-related ABS problems is front-wheel speed sensor or connectors. These wires are sometimes pulled apart by connectors. Whenever possible, extend the wire and solder as needed, thus eliminating part replacement.

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Honda introduces Civic GX that runs on natural gas

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Nearly every automaker is feverishly working on mechanisms called fuel cells that use hydrogen to generate electricity to propel a motor vehicle while emitting only water vapor.

The problem is hydrogen-powered fuel cells remain well into the future. How far is the subject of heated debate. General Motors' researchers insist they'll have workable, affordable fuel cells developed by 2010 — perhaps not on the road but at least in theory — and many will be operational by 2020, the automaker says. Other industry experts predict fuel cells won't be available in great numbers until the 2030 to 2050 time frame.

"Eventually we'll get to hydrogen, but it will be difficult, at best, for everybody involved," said Gunnar Lindstrom, senior manager of alternative fuels, Honda (North America), said in an interview. He's guessing hydrogen fuel cells are at least 15 years away. Technical issues, including the storage of the hydrogen, a hydrogen infrastructure, especially ones that use renewable sources not petroleum, and high costs of fuel cells are obstacles yet to be overcome.

In the meantime, automakers are searching for interim steps to ease dependence on petroleum, improve fuel economy and reduce emissions. And unlike hydrogen-powered fuel cells, seen universally as the ultimate answer, the interim steps appear all

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over the map.

Honda is traveling a lonely road; that of natural gas. In fact, Honda is the only manufacturer currently offering a dedicated natural gas-powered passenger car to the general public in North America. The automaker recently announced it will begin limited retail sales of its natural gas-powered Civic GX sedan paired with a new home-refueling appliance called Phill.

"Natural gas is extremely efficient, it's near zero emission, and it is primarily domestic. It's a home run," said Honda's Lindstrom. And, natural gas is already piped into millions of homes across the country for heating.

The Civic GX is virtually identical to the Civic LX sedan, offering a similar array of safety and convenience features including dual front and side airbags, anti-lock brakes, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo with in-dash CD player, and power locks, windows and mirrors.

The four-passenger Civic GX is powered by a 1.7-liter, four-cylinder engine using natural gas as fuel. The engine is coupled with a fuel-efficient continuously variable automatic transmission. It has a base price of \$21,760.

Honda boasts that the Civic GX is the cleanest internal combustion vehicle ever certified by the EPA and, with the introduction of home refu-

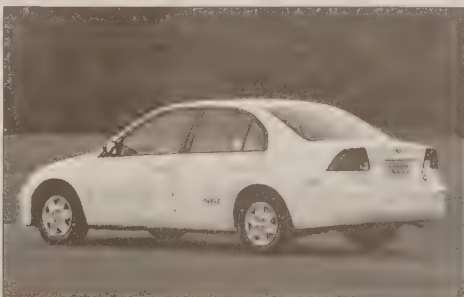
eling, has the lowest fuel cost per mile of any new vehicle.

With a driving range between 200 and 220 miles, the Civic GX is the only vehicle distributed nationwide that is certified to the stringent EPA Tier 2-Bin 2 emissions standard and it meets California's Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicle standards. The GX was the first vehicle to earn AT-PZEV status in California and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy recently named the Civic GX as the

"Greenest Vehicle of the Year" in overall environmental performance, ahead of even hybrid vehicles.

Not stopping at gas stations is a huge plus. You refill the tank at home using the Phill, manufactured and marketed by Toronto-based FuelMaker Corp. using your existing natural gas supply.

Phill can be mounted to a garage wall either indoors or outdoors and allow a natural gas-powered vehicle to be refueled overnight directly from a homeowner's existing natural gas



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THE 2005 HONDA CIVIC GX Sedan, above. The Phill home refueling appliance, right, manufactured and marketed by FuelMaker Corporation, is available for lease from authorized Honda CNG dealers in California on a limited retail sales basis. Phill is an affordable natural gas refueling appliance that provides drivers of the natural gas-powered Honda Civic GX with the convenience of refueling a vehicle at home using an existing natural gas supply.

supply line. It is designed to offer ease of operation with simple "start" and "stop" buttons and will automatically turn itself off when the tank is full. Phill must be installed by a trained technician authorized by FuelMaker. It is leased through 17 authorized Honda Civic GX California dealers in San Diego, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Sacramento and San Francisco for a cost of approximately \$34 to \$79 per month (plus installation), depending on the region.

The federal government currently offers a \$2,000 tax deduction on the purchase of a new alternative fuel vehicle, and local incentives and re-

bates may also be available to consumers. Drivers in California and nine other states also can use High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) access for solo commuters.

For the past several years, Honda has marketed the Civic GX to operators who have dedicated refueling stations. A limited number of customers have also purchased the Civic GX, relying on the public natural gas refueling network.

By offering the Civic GX, Phill home refueling appliance, Honda is expanding the natural gas refueling network. To reach Michelle Krebs, e-mail to michellek@q.com

Driving in the dark gets safer with a bright invention

BY HERB SHULDINER
MOTOR MATTERS

The Department of Transportation estimates that drivers use high-beam headlights less than 25 percent of the time when driving conditions warrant high-beam use.

The reasons vary. Some drivers feel they won't be quick enough to dim their high beams when an oncoming car comes into view and temporarily blind that driver. Others don't want to risk being discourteous, only to have an oncoming driver flash their high beams because they've forgotten to lower them. Now, thanks to a new system developed by Gentex Corp., Zeeland, Mich., motorists

DOWN THE ROAD

can use high beams without guilt or fear of annoying other drivers anymore.

SmartBeam automatically dims high beams when it detects the headlights of an oncoming car. Once you pass that car, your vehicle's high beams automatically switch on. It improves night driving safety and is a courtesy to other drivers.

But there's more than safety involved in using high beams. With low beams, it's possible to overdrive headlight illumination even at 50 mph. The low beams are

aimed downward on the road. High beams are aimed outward to help you pick up vehicles, pedestrians or animals at a much greater distance in front of your car.

The Gentex SmartBeam system is a really bright idea, albeit an expensive one, that can make night driving safer and less worrisome. It is only available in two models sold in the United States, but more are sure to follow. First on the market with the Gentex SmartBeam system is the Cadillac STS and the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

I recently tested the system in both the Cadillac and Jeep on dark, deserted two-lane suburban roads. The SmartBeam system performed flawlessly. All I did was turn on the

high beams and the system took over the task of switching the bright lights on and off as driving conditions warranted.

Whenever the lights of an oncoming car came into view, the lights on my test cars dimmed, almost instantly. Gentex engineers cleverly designed the system to slowly dim the high beams on and off. There's no abrupt turning off of the bright lights. But if you encounter a driving situation where an opposing car's lights come into view, such as when turning a corner or cresting a hill, the high beams will lower immediately.

SmartBeam's hardware is built into the Gentex self-dimming rearview mirror. Its human eye-like

camera detects surrounding light conditions. The camera constantly sends data to a computer chip that is the brain of the system. The system uses a Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor to capture images in front of a vehicle. CMOS, originally developed for NASA space cameras, is programmed to provide the maximum amount of suitable light for driving situations at night.

The image sensor determines the intensity, color, position and movement of light sources. When no other traffic is detected, SmartBeam automatically switches on the high beams. When oncoming high beams or taillights are detected in front of your car, the high beams

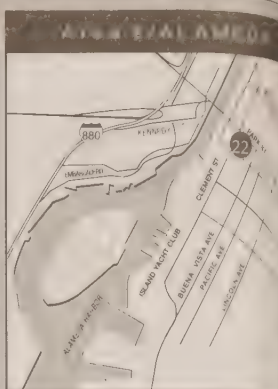
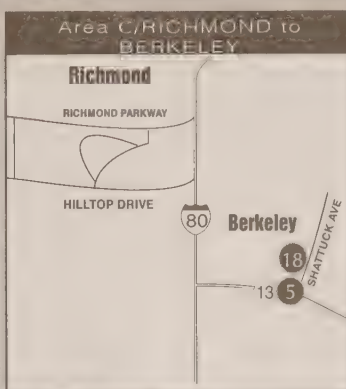
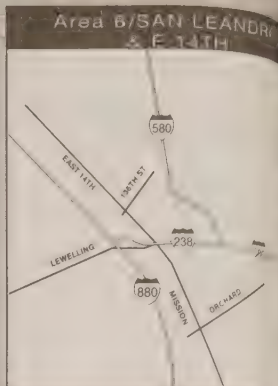
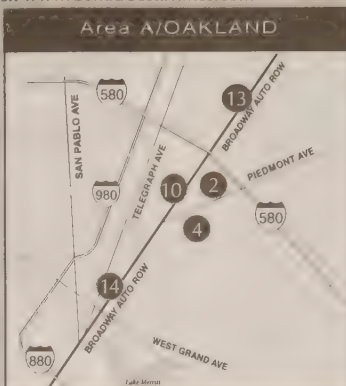
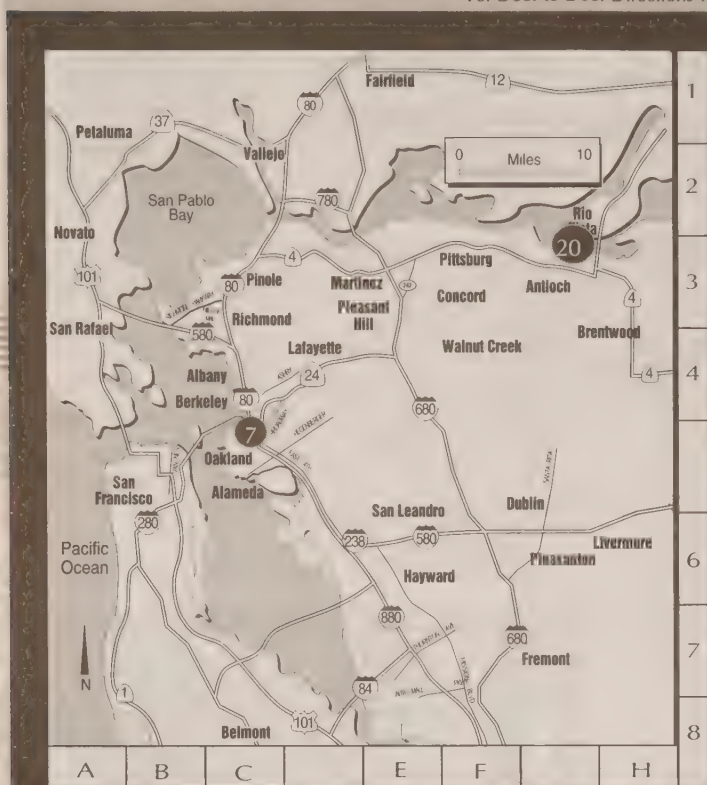
switch off. The system repeats the process constantly without need for you to push any buttons.

Cadillac calls the system IntelliBeam. So far, it's available on the STS V8 model with the luxury option packages costing about \$11,000 and \$13,000, respectively. IntelliBeam is expected to be available on the DeVille that goes on sale in June.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee is the other vehicle with SmartBeam. However, the 2006 Jeep Commander will offer SmartBeam when it goes on sale. Gentex declined to comment on any other models that might offer the self-dimming system, but a spokesman for the company is working with the Italian automaker that's planning to offer SmartBeam in its early next year.

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Robot car takes itself for a spin

BY PAT BRENNAN
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

RYNE LAKE — CyberRider lives. The robot car from Orange County, which has had its ups and downs, rumbled its way around a dirt track Saturday — and it won. It made sharp turns and rolled through a mud puddle, over a hill and through a ditch, while its human creators cheered on and cracked jokes.

"It works!" said Amelia Nista, 10, the daughter of the CyberRider team's public-relations consultant.

The team, led by electromechanical engineer Ivar Schoenmeyr, is one of many around the country hoping to win a \$2 million prize in a robot-car race scheduled for Oct. 8.

The starting line is in Barstow, the finish line in Primm, Nev., and the race, between, as much as 175 miles of desert terrain that the cars will have to negotiate on their own.

The competition, held by DARPA, the Defense Department's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, is meant to stimulate development of new military technology.

In the first race, held in 2004, produced no winners deserving a \$1 million prize. Of the 15 cars that started, the farthest team got was about seven miles.

CyberRider washed out before last year's race; during the qualifying round, one of its circuits blew out when team members hooked the car up to DARPA safety equipment. The team decided to play it safe and stay out of the race.

"I'm all honesty, we were barely ready," Schoenmeyr said as he prepared CyberRider for this year's test run Saturday at Ryne Lake.

The car looks like a dune buggy with a lot of hardware added into the space where the driver ought to be. There's very enough room for a driver's seat, needed in case a human operator has to climb in, and there is no steering wheel.

Team member Ted Gielow used a remote-control system to get the car once around the track, to make sure everything was working. Then he pushed a button, and CyberRider was on its own.

The car, beeping, yellow light flashing, rumbled through the desert at perhaps 7 or 8 mph. At first the it had only one of its systems for sensing its environment running: its two Global Positioning System units. Using a link to satellites, GPS units in a computer in the car exactly where it is on the track.

Later in the afternoon, the team hooked up a second system, which uses infrared beams to detect obstacles.

A third set of systems will act as the equivalent of eyes, with cameras mounted on CyberRider.

On Saturday, a group of Santa Ana High School students on hand to get a look at the car. The students are working on a solar tracking device that they hope to install on CyberRider as a backup system, said teacher Gary Reynolds.

On May 12, DARPA officials will visit the site to watch the go through its paces.

If CyberRider passes that test, it will join 40 other robot cars from around the world in September for qualifying rounds at the California Speedway.

If the car makes it through those, it will be ready for the big event Oct. 8. No more than 20 will take part in the race, an effort to minimize environmental harm, team member Rick van said.

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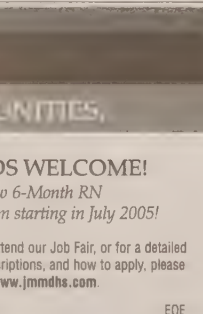
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